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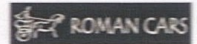
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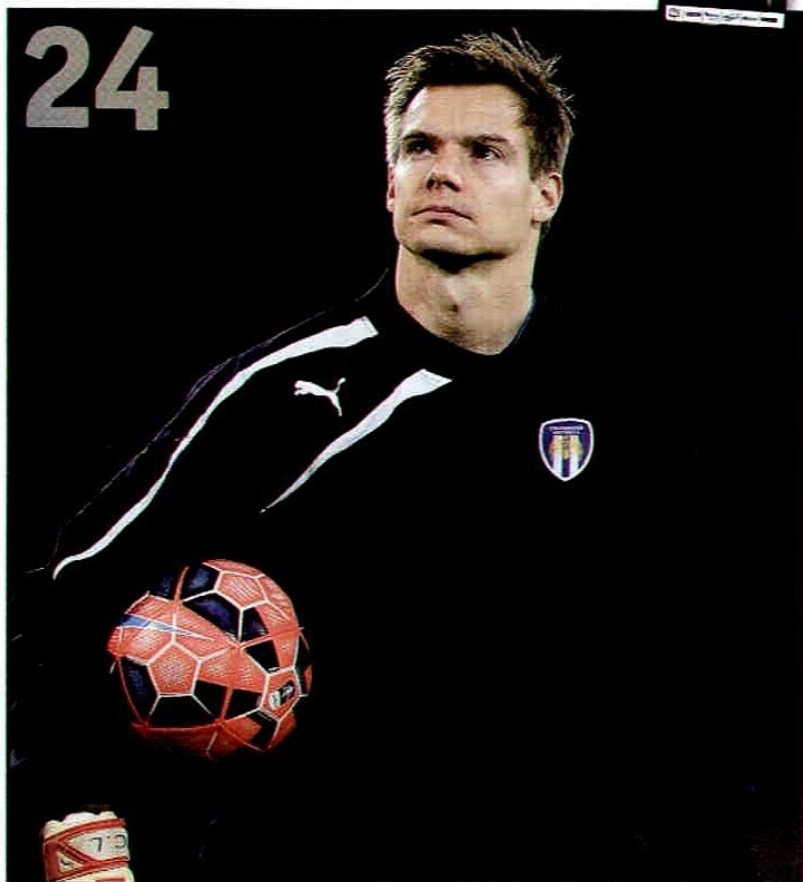
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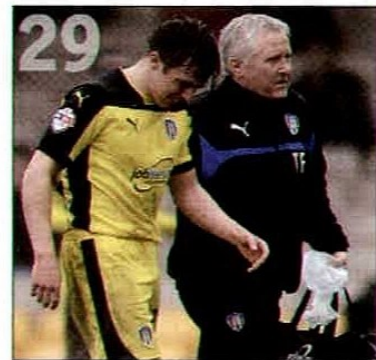


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## THE MANAGER

# TONY HUMES

## GET THE TEAM NEWS

If you would like today's U's team, straight from the manager, scan the code from 6.45pm and Tony Humes will call you back with his line-up!



**Welcome back for this evening's match, as we go into our penultimate game of the season here at the Weston Homes Community Stadium.**

It is going to be a tough match against a strong Swindon Town side but we are all determined to finish the season with two wins as we did last year.

I extend my welcome to Mark Cooper, his players, staff and supporters and I wish them a safe trip back later tonight.

Mark and Swindon's aim is to be playing Championship football next season but we have our own challenges and will go out to win all three points this evening.

Our last game here saw us take on Scunthorpe United and not for the first time this season, there was late drama. In a first half that didn't see too many clear cut chances, we went behind to a fantastic strike that gave Sam Walker no chance.

It was a tight half and I felt that we were a touch unfortunate to go in at half time a goal behind.



Tom Eastman draws the U's level last time out here against Scunthorpe





George Moncur celebrates putting the U's ahead at Fleetwood

**"I COULDN'T  
FAULT THE  
EFFORT &  
APPLICATION  
OF THE  
PLAYERS &  
THE NOISE  
WAS GREAT -  
LET'S STICK  
TOGETHER &  
SEE IF WE CAN  
GET THE SIX  
POINTS ON  
OFFER"**

We had the better of the second half but were found it difficult to break down a stubborn Scunthorpe defence.

In the end, it was a decent finish by Tom Eastman from a corner that got us back in the game.

That came in the eighty first minute and there was another goal for us four minutes later, when David Fox's quick thinking set up Chris Porter for what we hoped would be a late winner.

Unfortunately, as at Gillingham a few weeks ago, there was a real sting in the tail for us at the end, with Scunthorpe scoring via a wicked deflection to make it 2-2.

A point wasn't what we wanted or needed and the lads were all devastated after the game.

I couldn't fault their effort and application and I know that they were hurting, as well as being frustrated that we didn't hang onto the lead.

The noise in the stadium when we scored those two goals was massive and thanks again for the backing you have given the lads in what has been a difficult season.

What drama there was when we went to Fleetwood on Saturday. The players, staff and no doubt all of you in the stands went through the whole range of emotions during the ninety minutes.

But the players stood strong once again and picked up a vital three points with a performance full of character to put things in our own hands going into the last two matches.

Let's stick together and see if we can finish the season on a high and pick up all six points.



TICKET OFFICE

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## GAMES ON SALE NOW

With the U's once offering progressive pricing, fans can enjoy great savings by buying in advance for all home games this year.



### PRESTON NORTH END

Sunday 3rd May, WHCS, Kick-Off: 12.15pm

Tickets for the U's final home game against Preston are now on sale and are currently at the *Advance Rate*. Be sure to get your tickets to save on matchday prices!

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## 15/16 SEASON TICKETS



**We have had plenty of enquiries about the Season Ticket packages for next season.**

It is anticipated that, once we are the other side of the weekend game against Preston, then prices will be released for fans to cast their eyes over – and to start the renewal process!

We hope to include some great benefits for Season Ticket holders once again next season, so we look forward to welcoming you on board.

## PRE-SEASON GAMES



**The club have been working hard behind the scenes to confirm the pre-season friendlies for this summer.**

Most of the local non-league games for the first team have been confirmed and we are now working on finalising details of the teams to visit us here at WHCS in the build up to the 2015/16 season.

## FIXTURE RELEASE

**It is anticipated that fixtures for the new season will be released in mid-June.**

Full details will appear on the club website and our social media feeds.





## MATCH PRICING

### EARLY BIRD BEST PRICE

UNTIL 5 WEEKS & 1 DAY BEFORE THE GAME

	South	W1/9	W2/8	W3/7	W4/6	E8	E7	E6	E5
Adult	£15.00	£16.00	£18.00	£20.00	£22.00	£16.00	£18.00	£20.00	£22.00
Conc.	£10.50	£12.00	£13.50	£15.50	£17.00	£12.00	£13.50	£15.50	£17.00
18-21	£11.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U18s	£8.50	£8.50	£9.00	£10.00	£11.00	£8.50	£9.00	£10.00	£11.00
U14s	-	-	-	-	-	£3.50	£4.50	£5.00	£6.00
U11s	-	-	-	-	-	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

### SUPER SAVER

FROM 5 WEEKS BEFORE THE GAME UNTIL 3 WEEKS & 1 DAY BEFORE THE GAME

	South	W1/9	W2/8	W3/7	W4/6	E8	E7	E6	E5
Adult	£16.50	£18.00	£20.00	£22.00	£24.00	£18.00	£20.00	£22.00	£24.00
Conc.	£11.50	£13.50	£15.00	£17.00	£18.50	£13.50	£15.00	£17.00	£18.50
18-21	£12.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
U18s	£9.50	£9.50	£10.00	£11.00	£12.00	£9.50	£10.00	£11.00	£12.00
U14s	-	-	-	-	-	£4.00	£5.00	£5.50	£6.50
U11s	-	-	-	-	-	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

### SAVER

FROM 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE GAME UNTIL 1 WEEK & 1 DAY BEFORE THE GAME

	South	W1/9	W2/8	W3/7	W4/6	E8	E7	E6	E5
Adult	£18.00	£20.00	£22.00	£24.00	£26.00	£20.00	£22.00	£24.00	£26.00
Conc.	£13.00	£15.00	£17.00	£19.00	£21.00	£15.00	£17.00	£19.00	£21.00
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U18s	£10.00	£10.00	£11.00	£12.00	£13.00	£10.00	£11.00	£12.00	£13.00
U14s	-	-	-	-	-	£4.00	£5.00	£6.00	£7.00
U11s	-	-	-	-	-	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

### ADVANCE

FROM 1 WEEK BEFORE THE GAME UNTIL 1 DAY BEFORE THE GAME

	South	W1/9	W2/8	W3/7	W4/6	E8	E7	E6	E5
Adult	£20.00	£22.00	£24.00	£26.00	£28.00	£22.00	£24.00	£26.00	£28.00
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U14s	-	-	-	-	-	£5.00	£6.00	£7.00	£8.00
U11s	-	-	-	-	-	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

### MATCHDAY

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	South	W1/9	W2/8	W3/7	W4/6	E8	E7	E6	E5
Adult	£22.00	£24.00	£26.00	£28.00	£30.00	£24.00	£26.00	£28.00	£30.00
Conc.	£16.00	£18.00	£20.00	£22.00	£24.00	£18.00	£20.00	£22.00	£24.00
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U18s	£13.00	£13.00	£14.00	£15.00	£16.00	£13.00	£14.00	£15.00	£16.00
U14s	-	-	-	-	-	£6.00	£7.00	£8.00	£9.00
U11s	-	-	-	-	-	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

## U11S HAVE GONE FOR FREE!



Colchester United were delighted to land the Football League Family Club of the Year accolade at the Football League Awards just over a week ago.

The award was the culmination of plenty of hard work and was underpinned by our fantastic U11s for FREE offer during the course of the 2014/15 season.

Each paying adult has been able to buy along FOUR free U11s to a game. That has meant that they were able to bring up to five people for as little as £16 in advance and for no more than £30 on a matchday!

So far, over 6,000 U11s have taken advantage of this fantastic offer, with many new fans being introduced to their local club as a result.

We hope to see more of you coming to games next season and thank you all for supporting Colchester United and helping us to our fantastic award!





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# COLCHESTER SCUNTHORPE

Saturday 18th April 2015 | WHCS | SkyBet League One | Att: 4,551 (283 away) | Referee: Peter Bankes

**Colchester United's hopes of escaping the bottom four were dealt another cruel blow, as Scunthorpe grabbed a late, late equaliser.**

The Iron's second goal was a deflected effort and summed up the U's fortunes at times this season as, after having fought back from one down to lead with two quickfire goals, the three points were ripped out of their hands late on.

They remain in the bottom four with three games to go and know that three points at Fleetwood is a must to keep their hopes alive.

Theo Robinson kicked the day's attacking play off when he got in behind the U's defence and put the ball in the danger area, but as Bongani Khumalo scuffed his clearance Neal Bishop could only clip his shot straight at Walker.

The game had to wait some time before another chance to appear but when one finally did, Brindley had keeper Luke Daniels diving low at his near post to keep out a fierce low shot.

Minutes later Murphy and Massey looked to be picking up where they left off from the last home game as the former swung in a cross for the latter, the header beat the on-rushing keeper but drifted wide.

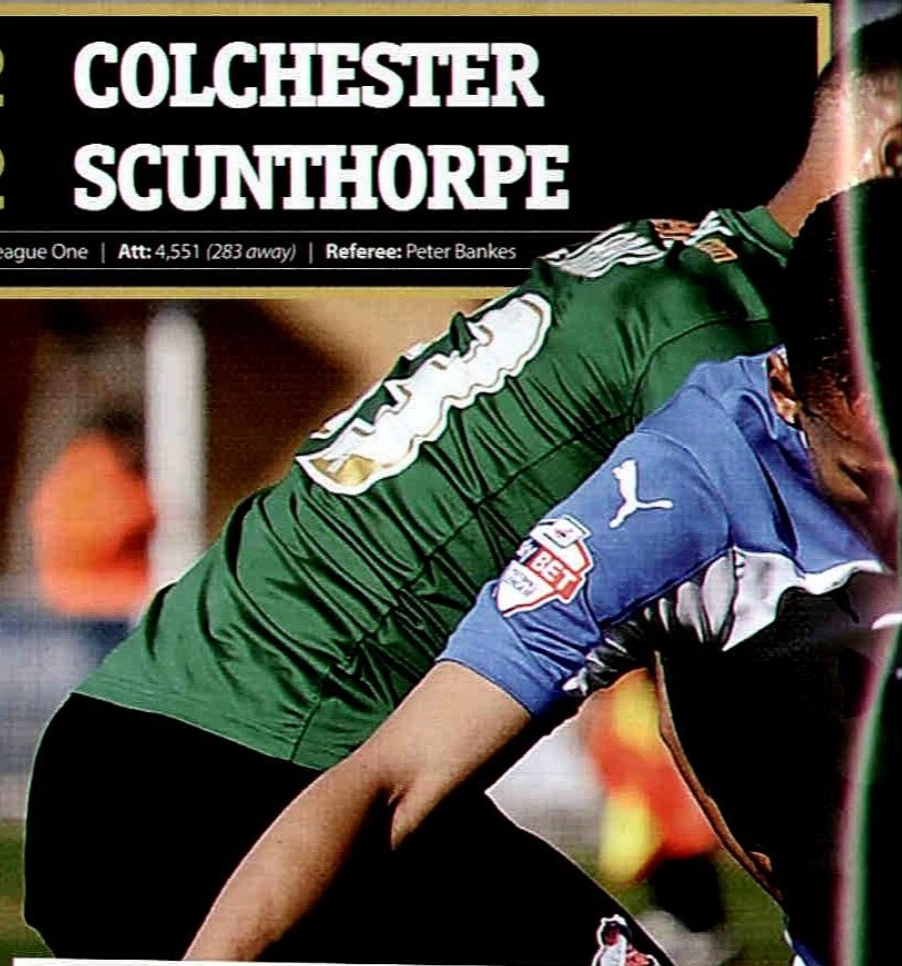
Chances were flowing now and it was Scunthorpe who spurned a golden one, top scorer Paddy Madden broke down the right with Gary McSheffrey free for the square ball and over-hit his pass.

Thankfully for the Iron, Robinson was able to put them ahead just moments later, Daniels hit a long ball that found its way to the striker who curled an effort past Walker on the half hour mark.

The half time break left U's behind but certainly not out of the game, having won from this position in their last home game against Barnsley.

Colchester did come back out with plenty of intent, Jacob Murphy tested Daniels early on before a corner set piece caused havoc in the Scunthorpe box with bodies on the line to block.

Despite these chances U's couldn't make a breakthrough so Tony Humes made his first



Gavin Massey tries to cut inside this Scunthorpe defender

play replacing Alex Gilbey with Rhys Healey, putting two up top with a goals desperately needed.

A David Fox free kick almost pulled one back, his cross from the left wing position was drilled into the box at chest-height and after some pinball off of bodies the ball glanced just wide of the post.

The U's continued to pile the pressure on their opponents with a deflected shot from Massey

bouncing off the crossbar before George Moncur blasted a shot well over Daniel's goal.

With ten minutes to go U's got their lifeline, courtesy of a Tom Eastman goal. The defender took down Massey's corner before half volleying on his weaker foot past a bundle of players.

Relief for U's fans soon turned to jubilation with what seemed to be a late winner. Porter latched on to a long free kick and once in the





**COLCHESTER**  
4-2-3-1



**SCUNTHORPE**  
4-3-3

**"IT WAS A DIFFICULT GAME & CONDITIONS DIDN'T MAKE IT EASY. BUT THE PLAYERS WERE FANTASTIC IN THE SECOND HALF & WORKED BACK INTO THE GAME. WE GOT IN FRONT BUT IT WAS A SUCKER-PUNCH. IT'S HARD TO TAKE, BUT IT IS NOT OVER UNTIL IT'S OVER."**

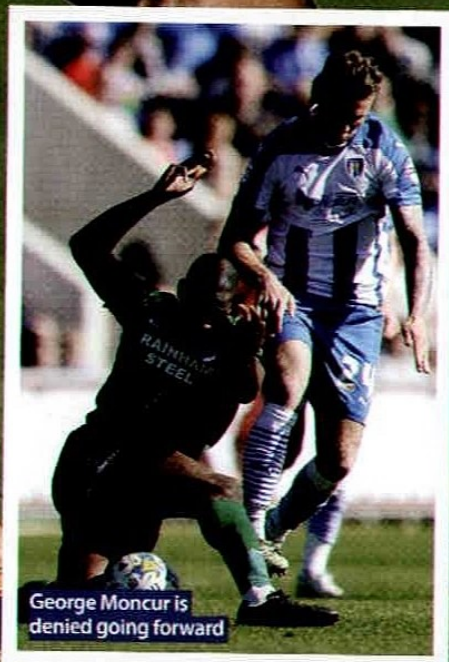
**TONY HUMES**

**"WE COASTED THROUGH THINGS & I'M SICK OF US JUST DOING ENOUGH. WE SWITCHED OFF FROM A CORNER & THEY GOT AN EQUALISER. I WOULDN'T SAY IT WAS A DESERVED EQUALISER BECAUSE THERE WERE HARDLY ANY SHOTS & HARDLY ANY EFFORTS ON GOAL."**

**MARK ROBINS**

box slotted past Daniels to completely overturn the score.

However the dream finish, was crushed deep into injury time, just as at Gillingham a few weeks ago. Substitute Hakeeb Adelakun's deflected cross skewed up and over Walker, levelling the scores once again.



**George Moncur is denied going forward**





Tom Eastman celebrates his first goal of the season having drawn the U's level



Chris Porter fires the U's in front



Bongani Khumalo stands strong at the back for the U's





Matthew Briggs battles for the ball in the air



Jacob Murphy drives the ball forward



Rhys Healey closes down from the front



Alex Gilbey shields the ball

# MATCH STATS



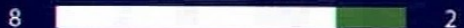
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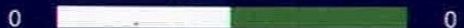
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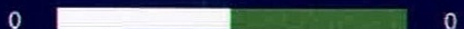
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# SWINDON TOWN





## FACTS & STATS

**Nickname:** The Robins  
**Founded:** 1879  
**Ground:** County Ground  
**Capacity:** 15,728  
**Manager:** Mark Cooper  
**League:** League One  
**2013-14:** League One, 8th



## LAST 10 YEARS

	W	D	L
13/14	19	9	18
12/13	20	14	12
11/12	29	6	11
10/11	9	14	23
09/10	22	16	8
08/09	12	17	17
07/08	16	13	17
06/07	25	10	11
05/06	11	15	20
04/05	17	12	17

## IN THE GOALS



**Leading Goalscorer:**  
 Andy Williams

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**Whilst tonight's match holds major significance for Colchester United and their quest for survival, tonight's visitors already know that their season will go beyond this weekend's final fixture.**

Swindon Town have long been ensconced in the top six of the League One table, having been among the promotion front runners for much of the campaign.

The dreams of automatic promotion may be over, with the U's weekend visitors Preston North End and MK Dons battling to get that much coveted second spot, but Swindon have the cherry of the play-offs to look forward to in May.

The Robins knew going into last weekend's fixture against North End that they were guaranteed a fourth place spot and, as such, boss Mark Cooper has made plans to ensure that his key players are available for the two – and possibly three – additional games that the play-offs will entail.

He rested a number of players in the weekend loss to Preston and said after the game: "Today was entirely about us and how we wanted to prepare – it was entirely about our preparations for the play-offs and making sure that the team that plays in the first play-off leg is ready, free of injury and fresh mentally and physically.

"It might not work but we've put a plan in place that we think gives us a realistic possibility of doing well in the play-offs."

The U's Academy products have played over 100 first team games this season

and, with the future in mind, Cooper was delighted to blood his own stars of the future.

Speaking to Flicwiltshire.com, he added: "They are young boys that have come through our system and we think a lot of them – we are going to be using these boys in and around the first-team and that's the way it is.

"I thought they did really well.

"Of course you don't want that (a drubbing) to happen and destroy their confidence – we conceded an early goal – but after that I thought we played really well in the first-half – we dominated possession.

"But you look at their strike-force of (Joe) Garner, (Jermaine) Beckford, they bring on Kevin Davies – you know they are going to cause you problems but I thought the young boys equipped themselves really well today."

Following tonight's game, which could be a crucial one when it comes to the U's intentions of staying in the division, the Robins host Leyton Orient at home at the weekend and thus will have a big say in the next five days as to who retains their League One status.

The U's have picked up fourteen points in their last eight matches and will be hoping that they can extend that run this evening against the Robins.





IN OPPOSITION:

# THE KEY MEN



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### WES FODERINGHAM

**Position:** Goalkeeper  
**Signed From:** Crystal Palace



The shot-stopper came through the ranks with Fulham's Academy before moving to Crystal Palace. Initially joined Swindon on loan in 2012 and enjoyed a prolific start to his Town career where he didn't concede a goal in his first five games.

A string of fine performances saw him earn a permanent contract in January 2012 and went on to help Town claim the League Two championship at the end of the season in addition to making an appearance at Wembley in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final. He was virtually ever-present as Swindon made the League One play-offs in 2013. Penned a new contract that summer.



### NATHAN THOMPSON

**Position:** Defender  
**Signed From:** Apprentice



A product of the Swindon Town Academy, Thompson made his breakthrough into the first team during 2012/13 campaign.

The tough-tackling defender was a regular as Swindon made the League One Play-Offs.

A regular fixture in the starting XI and a firm fans' favourite ever since, the two-time Player of the Year winner ended last term with the captain's armband and has skippered Town this season.



## KEVIN WATSON'S SCOUT REPORT

### Two games to go for the U's – and two very tough fixtures to end the season with.

Swindon are chasing promotion and will want to finish their league campaign on a high.

Their club ethos is to play football from the back and that has remained true for as long as I can remember.

If you are going to play that way, even the goalkeeper has to be comfortable with the ball at his feet and Wes Foderingham certainly has that attribute.

He can clip the ball out to either full back and can get the ball moving from the back just as well as





### MASSIMO LUONGO

**Position:** Midfielder

**Signed From:** Tottenham Hotspur



Luongo joined Swindon from Tottenham on a season-long loan last summer before completing a permanent move just before transfer deadline day. The midfielder spent time on loan at the club at the end of the 2012/13 season.

The stylish midfielder has won many fans during his time in Wiltshire so far, including Australian national team coach, Ange Postecoglou.

Luongo was part of the Socceroos squad at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, the third player in Swindon history to represent his country on the biggest stage.



### BEN GLADWIN

**Position:** Midfielder

**Signed From:** Marlow



Formerly with the Academy at Reading, Gladwin penned a professional contract with Swindon at the end of November.

Signed from Marlow FC, the central midfielder had plied his trade in the non-leagues before moving to Wiltshire after impressing on trial.

He made his Town bow in the JPT win over Stevenage at The County Ground and earned his first league appearance when he stepped off the bench in the Boxing Day defeat at Brentford.



### ANDY WILLIAMS

**Position:** Forward

**Signed From:** Yeovil Town



Formerly with Bristol Rovers and Hereford United, Williams joined Town on a two-year deal in the summer of 2012 after an impressive campaign in front of goal with Yeovil Town in 2011/12.

In his first season in red, Williams notched 11 league goals. Last term, he spent time on loan at Yeovil before an injury cut his season short.

Has had an impressive season this time around and has been a key part of Town's success in 2014/15.

any of the defenders.

Michael Smith has been a real goal threat for Swindon this year and is scoring at a one in two ratio, the sign of a decent striker.

He did have a spell on loan at Colchester United but I'm sure we didn't see that kind of return from him, I'm not sure he will feel he has anything to prove here but players do always want to do well against clubs they have played for in the past.

Whilst Michael scores the goals for them, the supply line is dependent on Massimo Luongo in the centre of their midfield. They spent a lot of money getting him in a couple of years ago



Massimo Luongo

and this season, he is proving that was money well spent.

He is an Australian international now and as well as creating goals, he can chip in with a few himself as well. The U's midfield will have to keep him quiet and not let him dictate proceedings.

I think the U's can win the game tonight but they will have to be right on their game throughout the ninety minutes, and into whatever injury time the referee adds on.

In the last home game, a late leveller preventing them getting the three points, I'm sure they won't want a repeat of that scenario.





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# OPPOSING FAN'S VIEW

**"WE JUST NEED TO GET SOME MOMENTUM GOING INTO THE PLAY-OFFS & PLAY THE FLOWING FOOTBALL WE HAVE FOR MOST OF THE SEASON - DO THAT & WE CAN BEAT ANYONE"**

How would you sum up the season and the team's progress?

**AM:** Overall this season has been hugely successful for us with such a young squad of players it has been fantastic to watch us play some wonderful football. What is more pleasing is that we have a squad who have progressed into players who can play at a much higher level.

**AP:** We've had a lot of hassle with the club in the past and now we have got these young players in. Most people were expecting a relegation battle so, to be where we are, battling for promotion is incredible. It has been a great achievement for everyone involved with Swindon Town, including Power, Cooper and all of the players.

The play-offs now lie ahead. What will the team need to do to safely navigate these games and make it to the Championship?

**AM:** The Play-offs is a different prospect than the normal 46 game season, we now have three games to get where we want to be we have the attacking capabilities to beat anyone so if we can keep it tight at the back I think we have every opportunity of promotion.

**AP:** Obviously with young players who aren't experienced it seems hard, but the bunch of lads want this as much as the fans do and we just need to get some momentum going into the play-offs and start playing the flowing football we played for most of the season.

Do that and we can beat anyone in the league.

Which players will be key to success when it comes to the play-off games?

**AM:** We have a number of players who can stand up and be counted but if Massimo Luongo who for me is the best midfielder in League One is on his game he is unplayable another for me is Jack Stephens a fantastic defensive player who has tremendous attacking ability.

**AP:** Everyone in all fairness! We need to keep everyone fit and make sure they know how to cope with the pressure, with the lack of experience.

All the fans are very happy with this season with the circumstances, so a Wembley trip and, dare I say promotion, would be fantastic for everyone involved.

How do you think Mark Cooper will approach the last two league matches?

**AM:** He will treat them with the upmost respect knowing yourselves and Orient have chance of survival, these two games certainly the Orient game he will play the team that he wants to start the first leg. He would like momentum so two wins from the last two would be ideal.

**AP:** He will want to keep everyone happy and healthy so he may start some players who may not have had the chance this season, like Randall and Hylton.

We need to see who will be helpful to the cause and it's a good chance to give players a run out and the starting 11 a rest.

*Questions answered today by Andy McKinlay and Aidan Pritchard. Andy tells us: "I have supported Swindon for over 20+ years now and I have seen ups and downs but wouldn't have it any other way (more ups would be great) I now take my wife and sons to watch with me and they have now been bitten by the football bug." Aidan is also a long time Swindon Town fan.*





## IN OPPOSITION: TOP BOYS

Football historian **Leigh Edwards** profiles ten winners of Swindon's Player of the Year award

### MIKE SUMMERBEE

Brilliant winger Mike Summerbee was capped eight times by England after leaving Swindon Town. Initially with Cheltenham Town, he moved to the County Ground in March 1960 and was an important figure in Swindon's 1962/63 promotion success.

He netted 39 goals in 218 League games prior to joining Manchester City for £35,000 in August 1965, amassing a vast collection of honours under the Joe Mercer and Malcolm Allison partnership at Maine Road. Later playing for Burnley, Blackpool and Stockport County, where player-manager, he has since been a successful businessman and his son Nicky also starred for Swindon Town.

### DON ROGERS

England U23s winger Don Rogers scored twice in Swindon Town's 1969 League Cup final success. Signing professional at the County Ground in October 1962, he featured in Swindon's 1962/63 promotion campaign and was ever-present in four successive seasons.

He starred as the Robins won promotion again in 1968/69 and the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970, reuniting with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. Moving to QPR in September 1974, he rejoined Swindon in March 1976 and netted 148 goals in 412 League games overall before reuniting with Stan Harland at Yeovil Town in March 1977. He has since run his own sports shop in Swindon.

### PETER DOWNSBOROUGH

Goalkeeper Peter Downsborough was ever-present 'Player of the Year' in Swindon Town's 1968/69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success. Signing professional for hometown Halifax in September 1960, he moved to the County Ground in exchange for Bill Atkins in August 1965.

He was ever-present as Swindon reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1969/70 and made 274 League appearances prior to joining Bradford City in November 1973. Twice ever-present,



Mike Summerbee

he starred as they reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1975/76 and won promotion in 1976/77. He had a testimonial match in May 1980 and later worked at a power station, settling in Stainland.

### JOE BUTLER

Versatile midfielder Joe Butler was Swindon Town's 'Player of the Year' in 1969/70 and 1972/73. He turned professional with hometown Newcastle United in September 1960, given his League debut against Manchester City in April 1964, but failed to secure a regular first-team slot and joined Swindon in August 1965. Starring in their 1968/69 promotion and League Cup 'double' success, he was ever-present in two consecutive seasons and helped the Robins to win the Anglo-Italian Cup in 1970. He netted 18 goals in 342 League games prior to

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joining Aldershot in March 1976, then played for Witney Town. Settling in Swindon, he has run a taxi firm.

### JOHN TROLLOPE

Long-serving left-back John Trollope holds Swindon Town's appearance record. Signing professional at the County Ground in July 1960, he made his League debut in Swindon's 1-1 draw at home to Halifax Town a month later and was ever-present in seven consecutive seasons including the 1962/63 promotion success.

He featured in Swindon's 1968/69 promotion and League Cup 'double' campaign as well as their 1970 Anglo-Italian Cup final triumph. Scoring 21 goals in 770 League games for Swindon, he was their coach, then manager between November 1980 and March 1983. Later Swindon's youth team boss, he was awarded the MBE.

### COLIN CALDERWOOD

Central defender Colin Calderwood was capped 36 times by Scotland after leaving Swindon Town. Signing professional for Mansfield Town in March 1982, he moved to the County Ground in July 1985 and was 'Player of the Year' as Swindon stormed to the Fourth Division title in 1985/86. He also starred as they won promotion in 1986/87, then featured in two further play-off finals including the 1993 Wembley triumph. Scoring 20 times in 330 League games, he moved to Tottenham Hotspur in July 1993, then Aston Villa and Nottingham Forest. He later managed Northampton Town, Forest and Hibernian, since assisting Chris Hughton at various clubs.

### FRASER DIGBY

England U21s goalkeeper Fraser Digby was Swindon Town's 'Player of the Year' on three occasions. Initially with Manchester United, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in September 1986, appearing in their 1986/87 promotion campaign. He was ever-present in 1988/89, starring as the Robins qualified



Shaun Taylor

## "INFLUENTIAL SHAUN TAYLOR CAPTAINED SWINDON THE SECOND DIVISION TITLE & FA CUP FIFTH ROUND IN 1995/96 & EVER-PRESENT AS THE ROBINS WON PROMOTION TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE"

for the play-offs in consecutive seasons including their 1993 Wembley triumph and were League Cup semi-finalists in 1994/95. Also featuring in the 1995/96 Second Division title success, he had a testimonial match in July 1997 and played 417 League games, joining Crystal Palace in August 1998, then Barry Town, QPR and Kidderminster Harriers.

### ALAN McLOUGHLIN

Republic of Ireland international midfielder Alan McLoughlin was 'Player of the Year' when Swindon Town reached the Second Division play-off final in 1989/90. Starting with Manchester United, he reunited with Lou Macari at Swindon in August 1986 and helped qualify for the play-offs in successive years. He scored 19 times in 106 League games before sold to Southampton for £1,000,000 in December 1990. Moving to Portsmouth in February 1992, he was ever-present as they reached the First Division play-offs in 1992/93. He joined Wigan Athletic in November 1999, then played for Rochdale and Forest Green Rovers, since holding coaching posts.

### SHAUN TAYLOR

Influential central defender Shaun Taylor captained Swindon Town to the Second Division title and FA Cup fifth round in 1995/96. He impressed with Bideford before moving to Exeter City in December 1986 and skippered their 1989/90 Fourth Division title triumph. Joining Swindon in July 1991, he was ever-present as the Robins won promotion to the Premier League in 1992/93. He was their 'Player of the Year' three times and netted 30 goals in 212 League games while at the County Ground. Moving to Bristol City in September 1996, he captained them to promotion glory in 1997/98. He has since coached at Exeter City and Torquay United.

### LEE PEACOCK

Former Scotland U21s striker Lee Peacock was 'Player of the Year' when Swindon Town won promotion in 2006/07. Initially with Carlisle United, he helped them to win the Auto Windscreens Shield and promotion in 1996/97. He joined Mansfield Town in October 1997 and moved via Manchester City to Bristol City in August 2000.

Starring as they won the LDV Vans Trophy and reached the Second Division play-offs in 2002/03, he joined Sheffield Wednesday in July 2004. He moved to Swindon in January 2006 and netted 20 goals in 125 League games before joining Grimsby Town in January 2010, then Havant & Waterlooville and Eastleigh.





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## THE CAPTAIN

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**"IT HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT NINE MONTHS FOR US BUT THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE CAN'T WIN BOTH OF THESE MATCHES - WE HAVE TURNED OUR HOME FORM AROUND A BIT & NEARLY MADE IT THREE WINS FROM THREE LAST TIME"**

**Welcome back to tonight's game against Swindon, with only one more after this until the end of the season.**

It has been a difficult nine months for us but there are still six points to play for and that's the target for us in the next four days.

There is no reason why we can't win both these matches either, recently we have turned our home form around a bit and go into tonight's match unbeaten here in the last three here at the Weston Homes Community Stadium. And it was so nearly three wins out of three but for a late equaliser in the last home game.

Over the past few matches, our first half performances haven't been up to scratch but there was an improvement in the game against Scunthorpe. Unfortunately, we still didn't create as many chances as we would have liked and didn't really test their keeper much. Our general defending was good as well but we did go behind to a wonder goal from Theo Robinson.

At half time, all the lads were determined to turn things around again in the second half and we certainly took the game to them after the break. It was starting to look like we wouldn't break them down though, with them defending in numbers and frustrating us every time we went forward.



The U's were hit hard by another late equaliser last time out here

We did get a deserved equaliser near the end, as Tom Eastman reacted quickest when the ball dropped in the box from a corner and rifled his volley into the top corner. A few minutes later, we were all on our feet again as David Fox's clever thinking put in Chris Porter and his low shot flew into the corner, the bottom corner this time, to make it 2-1 to us.

I thought that we had got the win we deserved for our second half comeback but it wasn't to be for us and we conceded a late equaliser. It wasn't as late as Gillingham's a few weeks ago but it had the same devastating effect on us. Three

points became one and we were denied another win with a late goal against us. It was a massive deflection that took it over Sam and into the far post, just about the only place he couldn't reach it.

We were all gutted at the final whistle and in the changing room after the game but we had to go again and prepare for the last week of the season.

That is upon us now and six points are up for grabs. You can once again play your part in us gaining as many of them as possible, make plenty of noise and get behind the boys.



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## JOIN MEN UNITED!



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Men United is Prostate Cancer UK's movement for everyone who believes men are worth fighting for.

By joining Men United, you'll get more opportunities to do great stuff with your friends, from bike rides to pub quizzes to Iron Man challenges. Whatever you and your mates love to do, you can do it for Men United and help beat a disease that kills one man every hour in the UK.

For example you could represent Colchester United in the London to Amsterdam Cycle Challenge cycle this June.

Plus, you'll find out about ways to make a difference on an even wider scale by uniting with men across the UK, like petitioning MPs or volunteering.

Whether it's big or small, signing a petition or running a marathon, doing it together is what really matters. What starts with a quick 'hello', a chat in the pub or a barbecue with mates can end with a nationwide movement of men – ready to fight for their friends, themselves and men everywhere.

Join Men United and help keep friendships alive: [prostatecanceruk.org/menunited](http://prostatecanceruk.org/menunited)

## WELCOME TO MARTYN!



**We are pleased to welcome Martyn Chapman to tonight's game.**

Martyn is a long standing fan who recently underwent a major operation and will be treated to a stadium tour and the chance to meet the players tonight.

He said: "I've supported them since I was 13-14 years old. I love Colchester United so much because we have always dreamt they will do well. I think they're good players. I wouldn't buy a season ticket if I didn't think they were going to do well!"

"One of my favourite players was Ray Crawford. He scored twice against Leeds. It was absolutely brilliant. I was there. I've never seen supporters jump over the wall once that final whistle blew like it. Absolutely brilliant. I got home and I was still celebrating!"





## FA COACHING

**Colchester United will be the 'East' region venue for the forthcoming FA Licensed Coaches' Club Regional Conference, where Level 1-4 coaches can learn about the new 'England DNA' and gain valuable Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours on Sunday 10th May.**

Attendees can learn from elite peers at the Weston Homes Community Stadium from 9:30am-5:30pm.

Overall, the hope is that coaches leave the seminar energised about the outlook for English football and the part they can play in helping The FA to secure a brighter and more successful future.

This summer 'England DNA: Playing Your Part' will feature prominently as FA Licensed Coaches' Club's Conferences take place across the country.

It's an outline of how The FA want England teams to play in the future, and the type of England player they aim to develop.

Included in the event is detail on how The FA want to coach, educate and prepare players as well as the values and beliefs which will form the England culture.

England DNA is a current, developing plan to create winning England teams. There are many ways to produce elite players and elite coaches and

England DNA is an opportunity to put down on paper what The FA believes in. It will always be evolving and improving, and additional ideas are crucial.

The FA Licensed Coaches' Club aims to raise standards in coaching across the game by ensuring that coaches keep their training and qualifications up to date.

It forms a key part of The FA's Youth Development Review and Coaching Strategy as, in today's ever-changing game, it is essential that coaches at all levels keep up to speed with new techniques and advice.

Coaches must meet various criteria in order to join and members also need to commit to a certain level of CPD training every year to retain their licence.

Level One coaches should complete three hours per year - five for Level Twos. This event provides the perfect opportunity to complete six hours of CPD.

To book a place, visit <http://bit.ly/EnglandDNA> or call (0800) 085 2012.

The cost is £50 for FA Licensed Coaches, and £75 for non-FA Licensed Coaches. Tickets include refreshments throughout the day, lunch and course resources.

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The U's fluffy favourite was once again a popular visitor and he'll be back soon!

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# CHRIS LEWINGTON

## THE BIG INTERVIEW

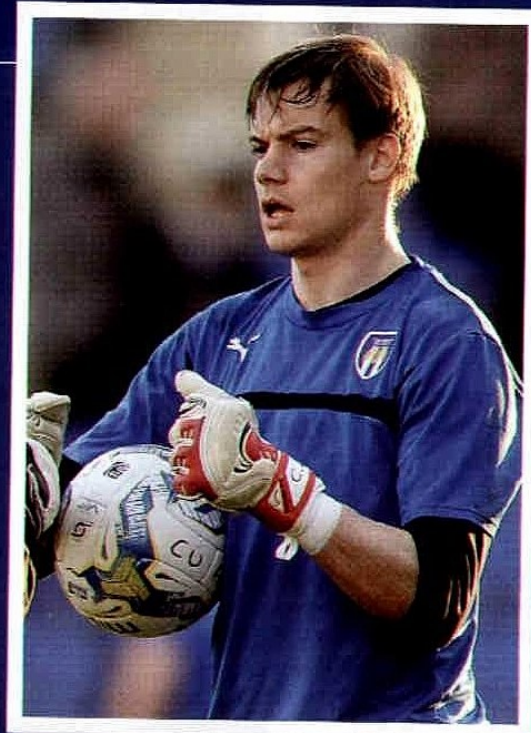
For the past few seasons, the number of substitutes a team is allowed to name on the bench has risen from five to seven. What hasn't changed is the number that are allowed to come on in a game, that allowable number remains at three.

Almost always, it is an outfield player as managers look to get back into a game with an attacking change, or consolidate with a defensive change. A third situation is when a player picks up an injury and has to be replaced.

While the third of those options also relates to the goalkeeper in the team, injuries that put a keeper out of the game are few and far between. Should an injury occur, more often than not the keeper plays on in pain and then the damage is assessed after the final whistle. Loss of form can also mean a change in goal but that never comes during a game.

So, any keeper on the bench at any club must be patient and just wait for his chance to play, especially if the current incumbent is performing well enough to keep his place in the team week in, week out.

That has certainly been the case here at Colchester United, with Sam Walker playing every one of the first forty league games of the season. The fortieth came at Coventry City, where he picked up a knee injury that forced him to miss the following fixture, a trip to Chesterfield three days later.







That meant a U's league debut for Chris Lewington, nine months after signing for the U's from Dagenham & Redbridge last summer. He did appear in the Capital One Cup back in August but has waited patiently in the wings for his League One bow for his new club.

He accepts that Sam has been in good form this season but explains that it has still been tough to sit on the bench. He also praises his teammate for the consistent performances that have prevented him from playing more often, something he was doing at Daggers.

"It was a bit of a risk coming here but I think you do have to take risks sometimes. I was playing every week and was probably in a bit of a comfort zone maybe. I came here to challenge Sam for the number one spot, I certainly didn't come here with any intention of sitting on the bench.



"Sam has been great in goal for us though and it has been pretty impossible for me to force my way in because his performances haven't dipped. I cannot fault him at all this season and it happens at every level – look at Valdes at Manchester United. He is one of the best keepers in the world and has won everything you can but he can't get in because De Gea is playing so well."

Whilst he hasn't been playing first team football as much as he would obviously have liked, he feels that he is a better keeper for the move. And he heaped the praise on Goalkeeping Coach Ademola 'George' Bankole for that progression.

"I work hard every day in training with George, Sam and the other keepers and I really do feel that I have progressed as a keeper in the past year. Aspects of my game are better now than they were twelve months





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ago and that is down to the work that George has done with me. That work in training and in the U21s games I have been involved in mean that I have always been ready if required and I was certainly ready for the Chesterfield game when Sam picked up his injury at Coventry."

For any supporter looking at the results from that Tuesday night's fixtures, the goalkeeper for the U's wouldn't have come out with too much credit. Chesterfield ran away with things and took the points in a 6-0 victory. It could have been a lot worse though, but for the intervention of Lewington on a number of occasions.

The twenty-six-year-old admitted that it was a night to forget but was adamant that he and the lads would recover



quickly from the setback. He told *We Are United*: "It is human nature to be disappointed after such a defeat and I'm sure that no-one will be surprised to learn that we were all devastated in the changing room after the game. We will all bounce back though and we have a resilient squad of players, who have confidence in their own ability, despite the big defeat"

On his own performance at Chesterfield, he told us: "I did make a few decent saves but that's my job and that's what I am paid to do. I was also very disappointed with myself on one of the goals, the one that slipped through my hands in the second half"


Disappointment can't last long for a keeper though, with self-confidence needed in abundance in what is probably the most difficult position to play in. The former Daggers keeper doesn't mask his own confidence in his ability and is sure that he can do a job whenever he is called upon.


"As a footballer, and as a keeper especially, you have to have confidence and belief in yourself. If you don't believe in your ability, why should anyone else believe in you. I was ready to play again in the next game and I was ready to be on the bench again if Sam recovered and was fit to play. You have to be ready all the time, that's what we're here for and that will be the case in the final two matches, whatever situation we're in."




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# TONY FLYNN

**"DAVID FOX WAS 50/50 FOR SCUNTHORPE BUT MADE IT - IT WAS ALWAYS DEPENDENT ON HOW MUCH THE DISCOMFORT WAS AFFECTING HIM BUT HE IS SENIOR ENOUGH TO KNOW HIS OWN BODY & IF HE CAN CONTRIBUTE"**

Welcome back for this evening's match, as we take on Swindon Town here at the Weston Homes Community Stadium in the penultimate fixture of the season.

It has been a tough and demanding campaign for the players, particularly the ones who have been involved week in, week out.

For those players, there has been no real break from the continual training and playing routine and it is testament to their fitness levels that they have been able to maintain it for the past nine months.

Hard work is part of it and a bit of luck is also needed to avoid injuries in the fifty odd matches we have had this season.

Sam Walker was one of those players but those of you who were at the Coventry game recently would have seen him hobbling about at the end.

I mentioned in my last notes that I

thought he might miss the game against Scunthorpe but he defied the odds and made the starting line-up.

He was always determined to miss as little football as possible and as soon as he thought there was the slightest chance of him being fit to face Scunthorpe, he said he was going to. He was gutted to miss one game, so he would have been unbearable if it had been any more than one.

Another player who was 50/50 for Scunthorpe also made it, with David Fox recovering enough to play the full ninety minutes last weekend.

He trained for a few days before the game and it was always dependent on how much the discomfort was affecting him.

It was a decision that he himself had to really make, and he made himself available to the manager once he had successfully come through those few training sessions.

Both Sam and David are senior enough players to know their own bodies and for us to take their word for it that they are fit to contribute.

Neither would put themselves before the team and play injured and risk the result and that's what you need from your players.

The fact that they both got through the full ninety minutes suggested that they got it right and hopefully, neither will have any reoccurrences in the final two matches.

We've not had anything else of note to report on from the past couple of games so the manager should have all the usual players to pick from.

I say all the usual players, because we still have a few out with long term injuries. They will all be absent for the remaining two matches but hopefully, they'll all be firing on all cylinders when the squad return to pre-season training.





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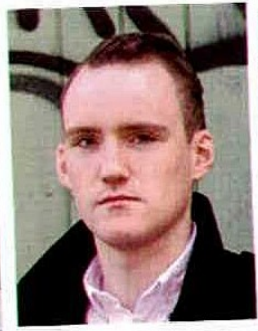
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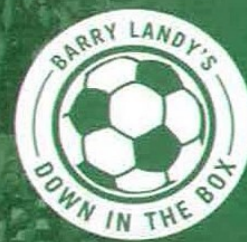




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## ATLETICO'S WAR OF ATTRITION FAILS TO UNDO 'SUPER CLUB' RIVAL AS REAL POWER ON

**It says much about Atletico Madrid's performance in the Champions League quarter final second leg defeat last Wednesday that the victors, their city rivals Real – with disagreeable types like Pepe and Sergio Ramos in their ranks – were deemed winners of the morale battle.**

Even before Javier Hernandez' late goal put the reigning champions through to the last four, it had been a performance more of attrition than aesthetics. Carlo Ancelotti's side is littered with players who can mix it. Specifically, the type of layer who likes to take a proactive approach to the mixing.

Substitute Atletico for Barcelona and watch the roles reverse. No longer are Madrid painted as plucky underdogs – a fanciful claim you might think but remember, Real's recent head-to-head record against their local rivals is fairly atrocious – but as agents of the dark arts. Barca consistently find themselves pitted against extreme cynicism.

With Los Blancos' posing the attacking threat they do on the counter attack, it is a tactic that suits them well on the big occasion. To last

Wednesday evening, when Diego Simeone's team lacked the ambition that has so defined his hugely successful tenure in charge.

That's not to misconstrue the meaning of ambition. The Argentinian's team are built on resilience first and foremost, underpinned by a united worth ethic matched by few. But Atletico's transformation from underachieving mid-table – Europa League if they're lucky – fodder into La Liga winners and Champions League finalists is nothing short of remarkable.

That they and not Real were many people's favourites to progress going into this two legged tie says much about their dominance, if not over Spanish football, over their more costly opponents. Sometimes, a team have the ingredients to beat another. Do it once, and a repeat can be made all the more likely.

But, after an engaging and eminently watchable first leg that swung mostly in Real's favour, the lack of a winning goal notwithstanding, last Wednesday's fare was sub-standard. In the original leg, there was interest to be gleaned from Atletico's own chances and some

superb individual performances – notably from Slovenian goalkeeper Jan Oblak.

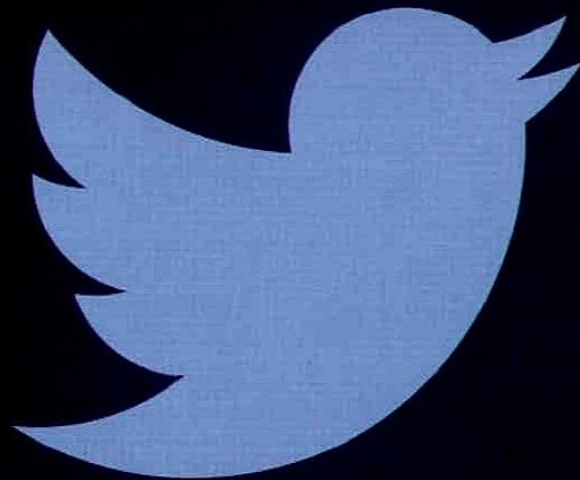
Admittedly, even the second half of that one had become scrappy. But the second leg took the biscuit. It took the entire ten. A central tenet to Diego Simeone's philosophy is that all players display the workrate asked of them. Arda Turan does this and so, should be commended for it. Many players in his position manage to escape such a task, purely by virtue of what they do offer when on the ball.

But when your playmakers are picking up early bookings for stupid challenges, it can so often tend to be a precursor to what will come soon after. On this occasion, it proved so. Turan was later red carded.

In the ensuing reaction in the days followed the game, I read a superb line. "It's incumbent on all the super clubs that they try to play super football." Real did, but you could hardly argue the same for Atleti.

Then again, what's the definition of a super club?





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# Football In Colchester During World War One

## The In-Depth Story

With this year marking 100 years since the commencement of World War 1, we'll be taking a detailed look at the connection between football in Colchester and the military.

Whilst Colchester United were formed in 1937, there has always been a strong football heritage in the town and *Kevin Drury* takes a look at that relationship.



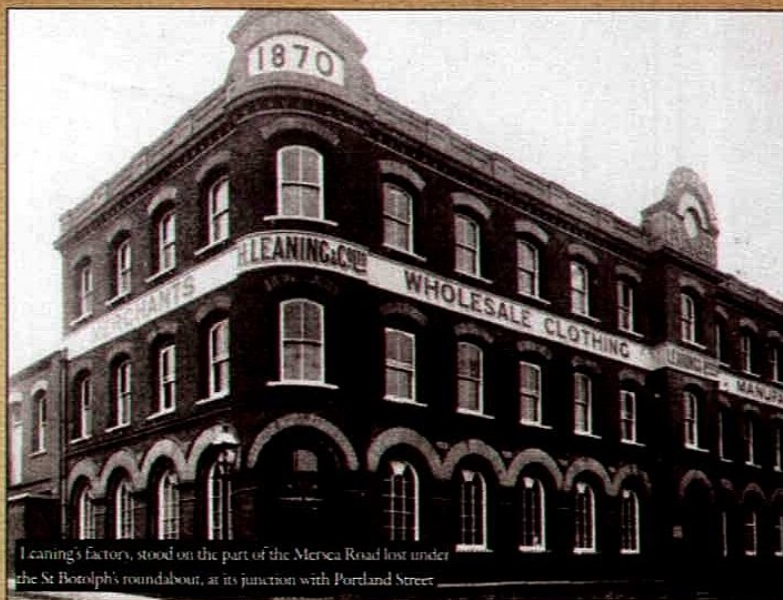
**The final article to feature Colchester's WW1 footballing heroes is dedicated to John Ernest Victor Cootc DCM and Augustin Leaning DSO.**

Leaning was old school Colchester FC, a son of one of the most prominent families of late 19th Century Colchester, the clothing manufacturers H Leaning & Co, and one of four brothers to play for Colchester Town. Between them Bob, Gus, Major and Harry Leaning played over 200 times with Major, only the second Town player at the time to win county honours, contributing the majority share. Gus and Bob though would undoubtedly have run him close had their professions not caused them to spend much of their time away from Colchester. Both made their debuts in 1892-93 with Gus playing his last game in 1899-00 and Bob in 1902-03 by which time Gus had qualified as a Vet and Bob as a surgeon, and while Gus was not of the standing of Bob or Major on the football field the fact that most of his appearances were in Essex Senior and Pearson Charity Cup games, the club's prestige fixtures, demonstrates that his standing. Indeed his final game was in Town's first ever FA Cup tie.

Both Gus and Bob went to South Africa during the Boer War as civilian volunteers in their respective specialisms and while Bob in due course returned to civilian medical practice Gus took a commission in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps and made the Army his career for the next 30 years retiring as a Lt-Colonel.

The award of his DSO was published in January 1917 "Major A Leaning for gallantry in the field" but gives no further details while the local press reports just add he had already been mentioned in dispatches and had seen much active service.

Jack Cootc was also one of several brothers but his father earned his living in a very different way to Henry Leaning being a billiard marker and for many years lessee of



Leaning's factory, stood on the part of the Mersea Road lost under the St Botolph's roundabout, at its junction with Portland Street

the billiard room at the Red Lion. Apart from, as the description suggests, keeping score at major games and generally running his hall a billiard marker was also likely to be something of a back street bookmaker, and invariably the stakeholder for the side bets etc.

Jack joined the Territorials, the 5th Bn Essex Regiment as an 18-y-o in December 1913 while a clerk for the Inland Revenue at Colchester. At the outbreak of war he was immediately given a stripe and had a second when the Battalion departed for Gallipoli in June 1915. During his six months in that maelstrom he was promoted Sergeant. From December 1915 until his discharge in Summer 1919 the Battalion were in Egypt and Palestine and Jack was either COMS or Acting Sergeant-Major. His DCM was awarded on 17 May 1917 at the First Battle of Gaza for repeatedly putting himself in danger by going into the vicinity of the enemy positions to bring out the wounded.

After the war Jack, who had been a regular for

Town's 2nd XI in 1913-14, settled in London and joined the Metropolitan Police. His first post war game for Town was as one of the five deputies needed for an away game at Manor Park so he didn't have too far to travel. Politely described as "blessed with plenty of weight" in the match report it was noted he had played for Millwall Reserves that season.

Jack travelled up from London the following week for the Pearson Charity Cup semi final, this time being referred to as "hefty", but it was hardly practical for him to come back to Colchester on a regular basis and he was not seen again until Easter from when he played five of the six games crammed into the final 2½ weeks of April and bagged four of Town's nine goals. He would have another brief spell of five appearances in six games in the early part of 1921-22 and then played thrice more over a period of time including a friendly at Highbury in front of over 10,000 when he scored one of Town's goals against Arsenal Reserves before playing his last game in Town's colours at the end of February.





Autograph

# 12 | CHRIS LEWINGTON



**"A CROSS FOUND BONNE IN THE MIDDLE & HE NODDED DOWN FOR THE AWAITING BYRON LAWRENCE WHO DRILLED HOME INTO THE BOTTOM CORNER"**



# DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Colchester United U21s put in an impressive performance at the end of last month, as they recorded a 2-0 victory against Barnsley.

It got John McGreal's men back to winning ways, as Byron Lawrence and Dion Sembie-Ferris grabbed the goals for the U's. And there

were a number of positive displays in the match as the U's youngsters pressed for an inclusion in the first team squad over the Easter double header.

Despite a fast paced start to the game, there wasn't too much in the way of clear cut chances in the opening exchanges. As the game

reached the quarter hour mark, Matt Templeton had a great chance for the visitors as he got through one on one with James Bransgrove, but he stood tall to see off the first shot, with the follow up fired wide.

The U's best chances of the first half arrived around the half hour mark, when first they had

## U21s FIXTURES & RESULTS Fixtures are subject to change

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	RES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
<b>AUGUST</b>												
Wed 20	Sheff Utd	A	PDL	0-0	Bransgrove	Wright	O'Donoghue	Lokko	Roast	Lapslie	Watt	Lawrence
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>												
Mon 1	Nottm Forest	H	PDL	1-3	Bransgrove	Brampton	Vincent-Young	Kent	Roast	Lapslie	Watt	Lawrence
Mon 8	Crewe	A	PDL	3-1	Bransgrove	Brampton	Vincent-Young	Kent	Lokko	Eastmond	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence <sup>2</sup>
Tue 16	Brentford	H	PDL	3-2	Bransgrove	Brampton	O'Donoghue	Lokko	Roast	Lapslie	Semie-Ferris	Hubbie
Tue 23	Coventry	H	PDL	2-2	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	O'Donoghue	Lokko	Roast	Lapslie	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
Mon 29	Birmingham	A	PDL	1-1	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	O'Donoghue	Lokko	Roast	Lapslie	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
<b>OCTOBER</b>												
Mon 6	Millwall	A	PLCO2	1-1*	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	O'Donoghue	Lokko	O'Keogh	Lapslie	Vose	Lawrence
Mon 13	Sheff Weds	H	PDL	0-5	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	O'Donoghue	Lokko	Roast	Lapslie	Vose	Lawrence
Mon 20	Leeds	A	PDL	2-1	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	O'Donoghue	Lokko	Roast	Lapslie	Hubbie	Lawrence
<b>NOVEMBER</b>												
Mon 3	Bristol City	A	PDL	1-2	Lewington	Gordon	O'Donoghue	Lokko	Harney	Lapslie	Eastmond	Lawrence
Mon 10	QPR	A	PDL	3-3	Bransgrove	Brampton	O'Donoghue	Lokko	Roast	Lapslie	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
Mon 17	Brentford	A	PDL	2-2	Bransgrove	Brampton	Gordon	Lokko	Harney	Lapslie	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
<b>DECEMBER</b>												
Mon 1	Charlton	H	PDL	0-3	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	O'Donoghue	Lokko	Harney	Lapslie	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
Mon 8	Swansea	A	PDL	0-2	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	O'Donoghue	James	Stephens	Lapslie	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
Mon 22	Ipswich	H	PDL	2-3	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	Kpekawa	Andrews	Harney	Lapslie	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
<b>JANUARY 2015</b>												
Mon 5	Cardiff	A	PDL	2-0	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	Andrews	James	Harney	Lapslie	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
Mon 12	Crystal Palace	H	PDL	4-2	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	Andrews	James	Harney	Lapslie	Semie-Ferris <sup>2</sup>	Lawrence
Mon 26	Millwall	A	PDL	2-2	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	Gordon	James	Harney	Lapslie	Davies	Lawrence
<b>FEBRUARY</b>												
Mon 9	Charlton	A	PDL	0-0	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	Andrews	James	Harney	Harrison	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
Thu 19	QPR	H	PDL	0-2	Lewington	Vincent-Young	Andrews	Songolo	Harney	Moncur	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
Mon 23	Swansea	H	PDL	5-2	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	Gordon	James	Harney	Moncur	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
<b>MARCH</b>												
Mon 9	Ipswich	A	PDL	0-2	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	Uade	James	Olufemi	Moncur	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
Tue 24	Huddersfield	H	PDL	1-2	Lewington	Brampton	Olufemi	James	Burgess	Dunne	Markov	Lawrence
Thu 26	Bristol City	H	PDL	0-1	Lewington	Vincent-Young	Olufemi	Burgess	Harney	Lapslie	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
Mon 30	Barnsley	H	PDL	2-0	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	Olufemi	James	Harney	Dunne	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
<b>APRIL</b>												
Mon 13	Cardiff	H	PDL	0-1	Borress	McQueen	Olufemi	Miles	Burgess	Harrison	Harding	Lawrence
Mon 20	Millwall	H	PDL	2-0	Bransgrove	Vincent-Young	Olufemi	James	Harney	Jenkins	Semie-Ferris	Lawrence
Tue 28	Crystal Palace	A	PLX	14-0								

\*Not a 5th on penalties





**"SEMBIE-FERRIS SPRUNG FORWARD FROM THE HALFWAY LINE, CUT ONTO HIS LEFT FOOT & SMASHED HIS SHOT INTO THE TOP CORNER"**

a shot turned away by Jack Walton in the Barnsley goal, before Kane Vincent-Young saw his low effort turned behind. From the resulting set piece, Macauley Bonne acrobatically volleyed wide of the target with Walton helpless had it been on target.

Five minutes before half time, shortly after Templeton had had a shot from the edge of the box well saved, Vincent-Young embarked on another mazy run that ended with his shot being blocked on the edge of the Barnsley area.

The U's got their noses in front three minutes before the break. A cross from Sembie-Ferris found Bonne in the middle and he nodded down for the awaiting Lawrence, who took a touch before drilling home into the bottom corner.

The home side led at the break, but Templeton went within inches of levelling with a whipped free kick that had Bransgrove beaten, but went over the bar. The Tykes winger was the visitors' most dangerous player and dragged another shot wide on the hour mark as they pressed for their first goal of the match.

It was a strongly contested second half as both teams looked to gain a foothold in the match. The U's then made their first changes of the game as on 69 minutes, Decarrey Sheriff replaced Macauley Bonne and five minutes later, Kieran Bailey came off and Callum Harrison was introduced.

Chances had been at a premium in the second half but the U's doubled their



George Brown

advantage on 75 minutes. Sembie-Ferris sprung forward from the halfway line and, getting to the edge of the box, cut onto his left foot and smashed his shot into the top corner.

The goalscorer made way four minutes later, with George Brown introduced on the wing for the home side. The visitors almost found a way back into the game with five minutes to go. From a corner, Jeffs saw his header acrobatically cleared off the line by Lawrence, who also saw off the follow up shot.

The U's almost added a third late on, with Vincent-Young driving forwards, but his left footed shot was tipped over the bar. That was the last of the action as the U's picked up a useful win.

9	10	11	12	13	14	Unused Subs
Smith	Bonne	Hubble	Semie-Ferris	Galvani, James		Brampton, Harrison
Hollman	Bonne	Curtis	Lokko	Smith	Hubble	Carroll, Issa
Smith	Bonne	Curtis	Issa	Hubble		Carroll, Roast
Smith	Bonne	Wright <sup>2</sup>	Nwachuku	Issa		Carroll, James
Curtis	Bonne	Wright	Smith	Smith		Carroll, Brampton, Hubble
Wool	Bonne	Wright	Smith	Curtis		Carroll, Hubble
Smith	Bonne	Curtis	Hubble	Curtis	Smith	Carroll, Roast, Brampton
Szmodics	Bonne	Wright	Brampton	James		Carroll, Hubble
Smith <sup>1</sup>	Issa	Curtis	Brampton	James		Carroll, Tennent
Szmodics	Bonne	Curtis	Roast	Smith		Bransgrove
Szmodics	Bonne <sup>2</sup>	Curtis	Smith	Harrison		Carroll, James
Szmodics <sup>2</sup>	Smith	Curtis	Harrison	Roast	Atkin	Robinson
Szmodics	Bonne	Curtis	Smith	James	Harrison	Robinson, Issa
Szmodics	Bonne	Smith	Issa	Bonne	Tombides	Robinson, Curtis, Harrison
Szmodics	Healey	Jeffrey	Bonne	Tombides	Lokko	
Curtis	Bonne	Tombides	Hubble	Nwachuku		Bransgrove, Tennent
Curtis	Bonne	Jeffrey	Tombides	Hubble	Nwachuku	Tennent
Marriott	Bonne	McEvoy <sup>2</sup>	Curtis			Robinson, Tennent, Hubble, Brown
Curtis	Bonne	McEvoy	Marriott	Okulemi	Tennent	Robinson
Healey	Bonne	McEvoy	Curtis	Marriott	Okulemi	Bransgrove, Galvin
Healey <sup>2</sup>	Marriott	McEvoy	Galvani	Okulemi	Curtis	Robinson, Andrews
Marriott	Bonne	Curtis	Bryan			Robinson, Tennent, Wright, Brown
Marriott	Bonne	Curtis	Harrison			
Szmodics	Bonne	Marriott	Harrison	Bylley	James	Curtis
Bailey	Bonne	Trillist	Sherriff	Harrison	Brown	Boness
Dunne	Bonne	Curtis	Sherriff	Brown	James	Wright, Stephens
Dunne	Bonne <sup>2</sup>	Bailey	Curtis	Marriott		Boness, Stephens, Sherriff

KEY:

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- Orange = 2nd substitute
- Red = 3rd substitute
- Bold** = goalscorer

**U21 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE 2**

	P	GD	Pts
1 Crystal Palace	25	20	47
2 Swansea	27	12	47
3 Cardiff	26	1	40
4 QPR	27	-5	40
5 Charlton	26	3	36
6 Ipswich	26	0	36
7 Millwall	26	3	35
8 Brentford	27	-1	33
9 Colchester	26	-8	30
10 Bristol City	27	-34	22





**"THE U'S PULLED A GOAL BACK WITH 15 MINUTES REMAINING, AS THE ADDICKS' DEFENCE PLAYING A BALL WAYWARD WHICH DECARREY SHERIFF COMPLETED AN EASY FINISH WHILST ONE-ON-ONE"**

# YOUTH TEAM

**Aston Villa took the win in an entertaining U16s affair at the Weston Homes Community Stadium last Thursday night.**

The U's U18s had a difficult match at the end of last month, as they took on a Charlton side that were hoping to catch leaders Brentford at the top of the Professional Development League 2- South table.

The young visitors raced into a three-goal lead as they threatened to run riot before the

U's pegged them back to make them sweat. But the Londoners' academy side remained composed, grabbing a fourth at the death to put any concerns of a U's comeback to bed to make the points safe on a wind-swept afternoon in Essex.

Charlton went ahead as early as the fourth minutes after George Lapslie, brother of the U's Tom, was felled in the penalty area. The midfielder did superbly well to pick up possession on the right-hand side and

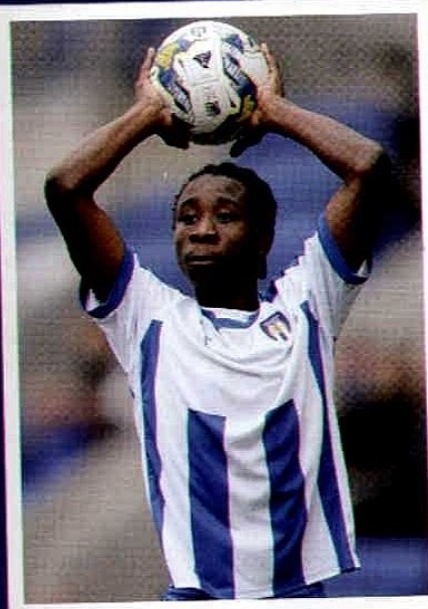


## U18s 2014/15 FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	RES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>AUGUST</b>											
Sat 16	Coventry	H PDL	0-3	Robinson	Stephens	Brampton	Harrison	Tennent	James	Brown	Downey
Sat 23	Cardiff	H PDL	0-2	Carroll	Stephens	Brampton	Pollard	Tennent	James	Brown	Harrison
Sat 30	Crewe	A PDL	5-2	Robinson	Stephens	Brampton	Pollard	Tennent	James	Dunne	Downey
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>											
Sat 13	Huddersfield	H PDL	1-3	Carroll	Stephens	Brampton	Harrison	Tennent	James	Brown	Wilson
Sat 20	Leeds	A PDL	1-4	Robinson	Stephens	Brampton	Downey	Tennent	James	Dunne	Wilson
Sat 27	Nottm Forest	H PDL	1-5	Carroll	Stephens	Brampton	Downey	Tennent	James	Brown	Wilson
<b>OCTOBER</b>											
Sat 4	Sheff United	A PDL	1-2	Carroll	Stephens	Brampton	Downey	Tennent	James	Brown	Wilson
Sat 11	Sheff Weds	H PDL	0-0	Carroll	Stephens	Brampton	Dunne	Tennent	James	Brown	Wilson
Sat 25	Bristol City	H PDL	2-0	Carroll	Stephens	Brampton	Dunne	Tennent	James	Brown	Wilson
<b>NOVEMBER</b>											
Sat 1	Millwall	H PDL	0-3	Carroll	Stephens	Brampton	Harrison	Dunne	James	Brown	Wilson
Tue 4	Leyton Orient	A FAYC1	3-1	Robinson	Stephens	Brampton	Harrison	Tennent	James	Brown	Wilson
Sat 8	Charlton	A PDL	0-3	Robinson	Stephens	Brampton	Harrison	Tennent	James	Brown	Wilson
Sat 15	Cheltenham	H FAYC2	2-1	Robinson	Stephens	Brampton	Harrison	Pollard	James	Brown	Wilson
Sat 22	Crystal Palace	H PDL	2-7	Robinson	Stephens	Linley	Harrison	Pollard	James	Brown	Detrick
Sat 29	Swansea	H PDL	0-2	Carroll	Stephens	Linley	Harrison	Pollard	James	Brown	Detrick
<b>DECEMBER</b>											
Sat 6	QPR	A PDL	4-3	Robinson	Stephens	Linley	Harrison	Downey	James	Brown	Detrick
Thu 18	Ipswich	H FAYC3	0-0*	Robinson	Stephens	Brampton	Harrison	Tennent	James	Brown	Andrews
<b>JANUARY 2014</b>											
Sat 10	Brentford	H PDL	5-3	Robinson	Stephens	Andrews	Harrison	Tennent	James	Brown	Downey
Sat 17	Crystal Palace	A PDL	0-1	Robinson	Stephens	Andrews	Harrison	Tennent	James	Brown	Downey
Sat 31	Swansea	A PDL	0-8	Robinson	Stephens	Brampton	Harrison	Tennent	James	Brown	Downey
<b>FEBRUARY</b>											
Sat 7	QPR	H PDL	2-0	Robinson	Stephens	Brampton	Harrison	Tennent	Downey	Brown	Wilson
Sat 14	Brentford	A PDL	2-4	Robinson	Stephens	Andrews	Downey	Tennent	James	Brown	Wilson
Sat 28	Cardiff	A PDL	3-2	Robinson	Stephens	Andrews	Downey	Tennent	James	Brown	Wilson
<b>MARCH</b>											
Sat 7	Bristol City	A PDL	0-1	Robinson	Stephens	Mulryne	Downey	Tennent	Partidge	Brown	Bryan
Sat 14	Millwall	A PDL	3-2	Robinson	Stephens	Brampton	Harrison	Tennent	James	Brown	Bryan
Sat 21	Ipswich	A PDL	0-1	Robinson	Stephens	Brampton	Harrison	Tennent	James	Brown	Smith
Sat 28	Barnsley	H PDL	1-1	Boness	Stephens	Brampton	Harrison	Tennent	Downey	Vaughan	Wilson
Tue 31	Charlton	H PDL	2-4	Boness	Stephens	Mulryne	Harrison	Tennent	Downey	Brown	Wilson
<b>APRIL</b>											
Sat 11	Birmingham	A PDL	1-2	Boness	Stephens	Wilson	Trailist	Tennent	James	Brown	Downey
Sat 18	Ipswich	H PDL	1-2								

\*lost 2-4 on penalties





**"THE U'S GAVE THEMSELVES HOPE WITH EIGHT MINUTES TO GO WHEN AN EFFORT WAS FIRED IN OFF THE POST TO MAKE IT 3-2"**

steaming into the box, causing a nuisance before he was chopped down, allowing Joshua Umerah to step up and send the keeper the wrong way from 12 yards.

One became two on thirty five minutes when Ademola Lookman rounded off a swift counter attack, brushing aside the attention of the Colchester defence before getting himself into position to strike low, across the goalkeeper and into the bottom left corner to put his side in control.

The Addicks continued to impress into the second half and were well worth their three-goal lead which they earned on the hour as the in-form Umerah bagged his brace.

Alex Kelly was the provider, threading a delicate ball through to the powerful forward who showed great calmness to slot home from 12 yards.

By now, the visitors were, perhaps, too comfortable and they were made to sit up and take notice when Colchester pulled a goal back with 15 minutes remaining. Casually passing the ball around the back, Kelly's backwards ball went wayward, playing through an opposition striker one-on-one before inevitably completing an easy finish.

With eight minutes left on the clock, the U's gave themselves hope when they fired in an effort off the post to make it 3-2 before Charlton woke back up to regain control of matters with Lookman joining Umerah in securing a brace deep into time added on.

The Addicks benefitted from a Colchester goal-kick getting caught in the wind and went straight back on the attack as Lookman latched onto a flick forward to round the keeper and tap into an empty net to make sure of a fifth consecutive victory.



9	10	11	12	13	14	Unused Subs
Issa Issa <b>Issa</b>	Wright Dunne <b>Wright</b>	Monk Monk Monk	Wilson Cosgrave	Dunne Oti	Wilson	Carroll, Oti, Pollard Robinson, Downey Carroll, Oti, Brown, Wilson
<b>Issa</b> Issa Issa	Wright Wright Atkin	Dunne Monk Dunne	Monk Brown Cosgrave	Oti Cosgrave Oti	Syrett Syrett	Robinson, Pollard, Downey Debrick, Pollard Robinson, Pollard
Atkin Issa Issa	Dunne Atkin <b>Atkin</b>	Monk Monk Monk	Moore Cosgrave Cosgrave	Oti Oti Oti		Robinson, Pollard, Cosgrave Robinson, Downey, Baxter Robinson, Pollard, Moore
Issa <b>Issa</b> Issa Issa Oti Issa	Atkin <b>Atkin</b> Atkin <b>Atkin</b> <b>Dunne</b> Atkin	Monk <b>Monk</b> Monk <b>Dunne</b> Cosgrave Dunne	Pollard Dunne Dunne Oti Downey Monk	Cosgrave Oti Cosgrave Syrett Oti	Oti Losgrave Clampin	Robinson, Syrett Carroll, Cosgrave, Pollard, Oti Carroll, Pollard Carroll, Downey, Syrett Atkin, Wilson Robinson, Downey
<b>Issa</b> Issa	Atkin Atkin	<b>Dunne</b> Dunne	Tennant Oti	Oti Downey	Cosgrave	Wilson Syrett, Wilson
Oti Wilson Oti	<b>Atkin</b> Oti Dunne	<b>Dunne</b> Dunne Wright	Wright Wright Shauri	Cosgrave Cosgrave Wilson	Cosgrave	Wilson, Pollard, Syrett Pollard, Syrett Syrett
Cosgrave Cosgrave <b>McKeown</b>	Dunne <b>Dunne</b> Dunne	Wright Wright <b>Wright</b>	Pollard Segura Mulryne	<b>Segura</b> Syrett Cosgrave	Ager Pollard	Debrick, Syrett Ager, Clampin Syrett, Clampin, Partridge
McKeown Wright Sheriff <b>Sheriff</b> <b>Sheriff</b>	Dunne Dunne Dunne Dunne Segura	Wright Mulryne Mulryne Wright Wright	Cosgrave Cosgrave Wright Brown Trollist	Downey Smith Clampin	Wilson Segura Cosgrave	Syrett, Wilson, Pollard Rawlins, Partridge Cosgrave, Wilson, Downey, Partridge Cosgrave, Mulryne Pollard, Trollist
Sheriff	Syrett	<b>Wright</b>	Segura	Cosgrave		Pollard, Trollist, Trollist

**KEY:**

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Red = 3rd substitute  
**Bold** = goalscorer

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE 2**

	P	GD	Pts
1 Charlton	27	24	56
2 Brentford	27	19	54
3 Ipswich	27	5	45
4 Crystal Palace	27	12	38
5 Swansea	27	11	36
6 Cardiff	27	-1	36
7 QPR	27	-33	31
8 Bristol City	27	-20	28
9 Millwall	27	-13	27
<b>10 Colchester</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>-33</b>	<b>23</b>





TONY ASHBY

# THE ACADEMY

## U9s v Norwich City

The U9s grew into the game against Norwich after a poor start. Players struggled in the first period with their decision making on who and when to press. This allowed Norwich to play around us and saw them have more of the ball. But, from the second period onwards, the players improved defensively, recognising overloads and picking better times to press. This gave us a stronger platform to build counter attacks and create chances. Both Billy Walsh and Robbie Scanlon worked hard looking for opportunities to play forward, creating many clear chances at goal.

## U10s v Norwich City

We played a 3-3-1 formation which saw we get overloaded in central midfield and we didn't recognise quickly enough how to solve problems in the game. Our goals came from individual play by Thomas Kemp who finished well after some good individual skills beating the Norwich defence.

In goal, Josh Bruce recognised when distribute quickly and to start a counter attack, coming off his line well to collect ball, and supporting his defenders when needed.

Louis Freeman received the ball well and moved away from his opponents well to create opportunities to play forward and recognised who was the danger out of possession and

closed down play early.

## U11s v Norwich City

The players regained shape really well with good recovery runs and becoming compact quickly.

Individually, players got beat too easily in 1v1s, allowing Norwich to create overloads by running with the ball. This caused problems which at times Ben Brown (GK) and Kacy Parish in the defensive line did well to deal with the danger. Ben Haddock and Mathew Yates, both U10s playing up, had most success and showed a good understanding of when and how to press or delay.

On the counter attack, the players showed some good choices of when and where to get in behind the Norwich back line. This was achieved with some good early forward passes that broke through units along with good forward runs from the striker and supporting midfielders breaking quickly to join the attack.

## U12s v Norwich City

We played two squads, which meant we were on continuously and each opponent squad was fresh which no doubt contributed to a poor overall performance.

Against the first and third period team: Two even squads with some decent football played.

1st period was frantic and played at a really high tempo lacking some quality at times. 3rd period was more controlled and had longer periods of possession, we managed to threaten the goal on a number of occasions. Defensive shape was better and forced more mistakes from Norwich which we tried to capitalise on.

Against the 2 & 4th period team: Nothing to say other than we were completely dominated by 3 players who physicality and size were no match for our players. That said the attitude of the players to compete throughout was excellent and were not fazed by facing boys that we physically more developed. Players kept their heads up and tried their very best.

## U13s v Norwich City

The physical differences between the two sides were extremely evident throughout the game, as Norwich bullied their way through the game especially in attacking areas. When we managed to play in their half beyond their more physical players, we demonstrated good movement, clever play and gave Norwich problems which at times they struggled to resolve.

During the second period we failed to believe in our philosophy as Norwich kept us in our own half running past us and easily knocking us off the ball, forcing us to kick long early and at times having four players around the man on





The U's U12s squad



The U12s in action

the ball trying to reclaim possession, meaning we lost shape, organisation and a way to play out as options became limited.

During periods three and four we were much better as players were asked about the club's style of play and started to see success getting out from the back and being creative in forward areas.

Ross Crane was creative going forward, worked hard, put Norwich on the back foot on many occasions. Sam Cornish demonstrated an excellent range of passing, tried to play forward as much as possible with a purpose. Liam Bennett was strong defensively, looked to support, tried to play out from the back. Stood up to the challenge against big powerful opposition.

Andre Hassanly showed excellent technical ability, not afraid to tackle when needed, showed good vision into forward areas

#### U14s v Norwich City

Game of two halves, as cliché as it sounds. First half we started very well our shape was good and Norwich found it very hard to break us down as we were compact and spaces for them to play through were very limited, forced them side to side and on this managed to regain the ball and counter to very good effect scoring 2 goals and putting ourselves in a very comfortable position.

We conceded a goal before the break where

we just got caught square at the back and didn't track a midfield runner.

We were better in possession this week but still feel as a group we can be braver and look into forward areas quicker when playing out from the back.

We found it difficult to deal with Norwich's physicality in the second half and all the hard work we had put in with team shape which we needed was out of the window and we conceded sloppy goals by being countered on this was due to our shape being all over the place. We still managed to create 2 or 3 good goal scoring opportunities which we failed to take.

#### U16s v Ipswich

Despite only fielding three U16s players (2 of whom were called across to be U18s substitutes) against a strong Ipswich side boasting many players who have represented their U18s, we recorded our first clean sheet of the season. Overall, Ipswich had the larger amount of possession, but we maintained concentration, defended better collectively & avoided individual mistakes, things we haven't done consistently all season, yet we still carried plenty a threat going forwards with Callum Jones applying the finishing touch to a short corner routine and Dean Ager lobbing the Ipswich goalkeeper to ensure a 2-0 victory.

Many thanks,  
Tony Ashby



# SALES PITCH

## TONIGHT'S SPONSORS

We'd like to thank our sponsors for this evening's game with Swindon Town.

Our match sponsors are Business East who, for the fifth successive year, will be hosting East Anglia's foremost business to business exhibition in March 2016. Business East brings together business owners to promote a range of products and services whilst offering networking opportunities.

We also welcome J1 Construction as our programme sponsors this evening. J1 Construction are professional, qualified and reliable bricklaying contractors serving Colchester and Essex who complete a wide variety of building requirements and can also provide a thorough service for smaller, domestic based enquiries.



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## BE A PART OF OUR FAMILY!

Colchester United were delighted to be announced as the Football League's Family Club of the Year at a prestigious ceremony in London at the weekend.

The hard work doesn't stop now that we've won the award, though!

We're looking for companies to join us in supporting our efforts to work with young footballers and the football fans of the future.

There are some great ways to get involved, including:-

- 4x boards facing the crowd in the family area of the Jobserve Stand – Family Area sponsored by:
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- Logo on the club partners section of the official club website

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Lloyd, Julie & Michelle - your sales team at the U's

## SALES BLOG

**LLOYD WEBB: SALES EXECUTIVE**

**Good evening and welcome all to the Weston Homes Community Stadium for tonight's penultimate game of the season.**

With the 2014/15 campaign now drawing to a close, it's now the commercial team's busiest time of the year.

We have pitch hires starting the day

after the Preston game which will see a month of fans and companies using the stadium for matches, and we still have a few slots available to get booked in for the full matchday experience.

Meanwhile, renewals time is almost upon us and it's so great to see that regardless of our position many of our fans and sponsors are already keen to renew and join us next season.

I hope you all have a great matchday and that the result goes our way too.

**Up the U's,**

*Lloyd*

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# THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE AWARDS 2015

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY

# COLCHESTER UNITED NAMED FAMILY CLUB OF THE YEAR

**Colchester United has been named The Football League Family Club of the Year at The Football League Awards 2015.**

The club received the award at the gala ceremony at The Brewery, London, on Sunday evening in front of over 600 guests from clubs, sponsors and the football industry.

The Football League Awards 2015 mark the 10th year of the awards, which celebrate on and off pitch excellence across The League's 72 clubs. This year all 72 clubs were nominated for at least one award.

Colchester United beat off competition from the likes of Brighton & Hove Albion, Middlesbrough, Milton Keynes Dons, Plymouth Argyle and Stevenage to claim the overall Football League Family Club of the Year Award.

During the 2014/15 season, Colchester United set out to increase family attendance by introducing an U11s-for-free initiative at every League 1 fixture, with all members of staff and players contributing towards a culture where families can enjoy watching affordable live football in their town. As a result, the first half of the season saw more than 3,000 U11s attend a match at their local club.

Matt Hudson, who collected the award on behalf of Colchester United said "It's really important for the club to win this award – we moved stadium a few years ago to the edge of town and it's really important to stay connected with the local community.

"We made a concerted effort this year to make families feel welcome. This award is the culmination of that. We've done activity at pretty much every game this season to make families feel welcome. This is the result of a lot of hard work from everyone at the football club."

Football League clubs excel at attracting young fans and families to their grounds to watch live football. By using mystery shopper families, The Football League acknowledges the clubs that are delivering a fantastic family match day experience. This award



honours those clubs that are leading the way in continuing to push the standard even higher to providing the very best experience for families across The Football League.

Shaun Harvey, Chief Executive of The Football League, said: "The 10th Football League Awards has given us the opportunity to reward outstanding performance, both on and off the pitch, during what has been a memorable Football League season.

"Each of our winners thoroughly deserves this recognition and, once again, we've seen exceptional levels of talent, dedication and achievement across all our nominees"

The Football League Awards 2015 were streamed live on The Football League's official YouTube channel and website, while highlights will be shown on Sky Sports 1 on Monday evening at 6:15pm and 9:15pm.

**To find out more about The Football League Awards, and for a full list of Award categories, please visit [www.FLAwards.com](http://www.FLAwards.com) or search #FLAwards on Twitter.**



**"WE MADE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO MAKE FAMILIES FEEL WELCOME & THIS AWARD IS THE CULMINATION OF THAT - IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO STAY CONNECTED TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY & THIS IS THE RESULT OF A LOT OF HARD WORK FROM EVERYONE AT THE FOOTBALL CLUB"**

**MATT HUDSON**







# HOW WE WON FAMILY CLUB OF THE YEAR

## JULIE'S OUR CLUB HERO

The Football League have announced 72 'Club Heroes', recognising a member of staff at each of the 72 Football League clubs.



The accolades are part of the Tokio Marine Kiln Club Hero Award at Sunday's 10th annual Football League Awards, with an overall winner being named on the evening.

The award highlights the role played by staff at clubs throughout the League, whose work often goes unnoticed.

All clubs were asked to nominate one member of staff to be recognised for their loyal and dedicated service off the pitch.

Those selected cover a whole variety of roles showing the many different aspects of a professional football club, and include employees that have been involved with their club for over 10 years.

Colchester United's club hero was Julie Ager, Football Sales Executive.

Colchester United has always had a strong family heritage and been keen to promote a family friendly environment both at its former stadium Layer Road and since the move to the Weston Homes Community Stadium in 2008.

### FAMILY ENCLOSURE

One of the most significant changes made for this season was the redecoration of our Family Enclosure concourses during the course of the summer months. With a number of poster sites also added to the area, the end result has been a much brighter, more pleasant environment for families to enjoy.

### U11s PRICING

The club made its most significant pricing decision for many years in the summer of 2014. The club announced that they would be offering U11s for **FREE** for all League One home games this season.

Crucially, each paying adult is able to bring **FOUR** U11s on their ticket. With our progressive pricing, it means that an adult and four children can attend from just £16, which stacks up against anything locally in terms of a good value family day out.

### FIRST TIME E-MAILS

Using the database in our ticketing system, we send out a pre-match e-mail to all first time attendees with all of the information they'll need for that particular game. It also redirects them back to the Family Section on the website to remind/introduce them to the information in that section.

### FIRST TIME CERTIFICATE

When young fans come to a game for the first time, they have the opportunity to register for a certificate of their attendance. This is presented to them pitch side and then we send a photograph after the match!







**"THE WHOLE FAMILY MATCHDAY EXPERIENCE AT COLCHESTER IS EXCELLENT, OF WHICH THE CLUB SHOULD BE VERY PROUD."**

**PAUL SIMS**



**EDDIE'S MAILBOX**

We installed 'Eddie's Mailbox' in the Family Enclosure and young supporters can either bring their own letters or use one of the forms that we provide both with tickets when they're posted out or that are available on the day in the Family Enclosure. The players then help the club's media staff construct a reply to their letters and a reply is sent out, usually within ten days of the receipt of the letter.

**MATCHDAY ACTIVITIES**

As well as Eddie's Nest, we also put on a range of activities on the day of the game. Whether it be pre-match skills drills with our Football In The Community team or the chance to take penalties during half time, there is plenty going on. Pre-match also sees us offer bands from Colchester and the local area the chance to play outside of the ground and, for many of these bands, it is their first 'gig' as they can often be teenage bands starting out.

**GOLDEN TICKETS**

On a number of games this season, we have put Golden Tickets on random seats in the Family Enclosure – the prizes vary from free tickets, to training ground visits, to winning an Eddie visit to their school!





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# LOCAL SCENE

**Former Colchester United boss Joe Dunne is among the names being linked with the vacant BRAINTREE TOWN manager's job.**

Iron chairman Lee Harding has been impressed by the calibre of applicants who have put themselves forward for the position.

Harding has been inundated by applications since news broke that Alan Devonshire had declined a contract offer to stay as boss for a fifth season.

But while he was sorry to see Devonshire depart, he has been heartened by the level of interest that the post of Braintree manager appears to demand in football nowadays.

The likes of Dunne, Bishop's Stortford manager Rod Stringer and ex-Braintree favourite Brad Quinton have all been linked with the vacant post.

"We've had lots of applications and they are still coming in," said Harding.

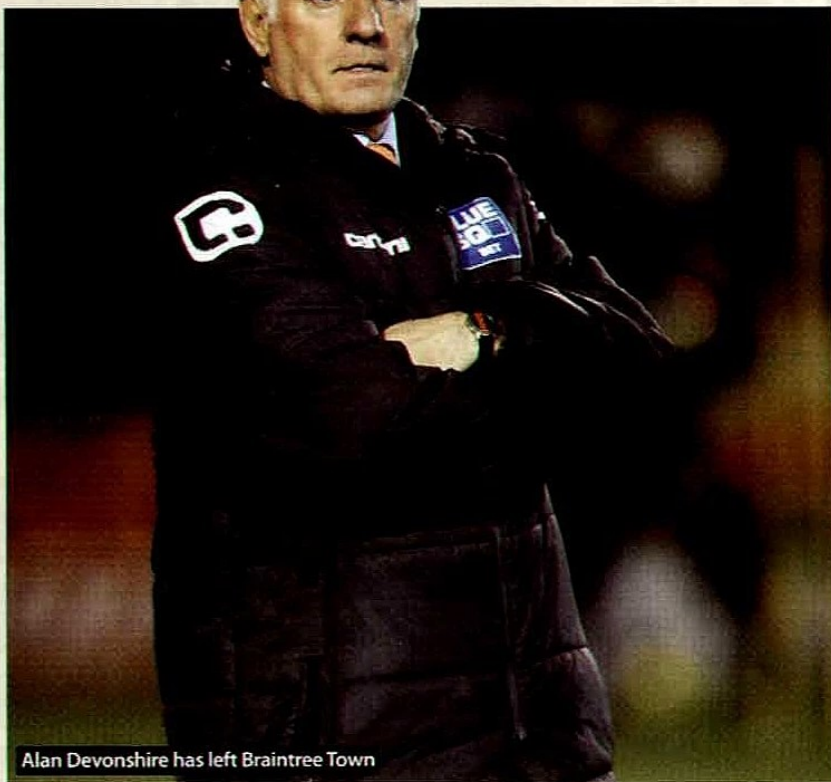
"There are one or two very interesting ones. We've had two from managers currently in charge of international sides, one from a very well-qualified female manager and applications from the USA and Spain as well as some South American interest from Uruguay, Brazil and Colombia.

"It's clear that the draw and reach of Braintree Town is far and wide.

"There are some very strong ones in there and some from people who have done well on Championship Manager but I'm pleased with the calibre and number that we have had."

Harding said that the contract that had been offered to Devonshire would have given him the same personal terms and playing budget as he had been working with this year as they were unable to afford a greater spend without putting the club's finances under strain.

He said: "We wanted Alan to stay, but he obviously wanted more than what we could offer. We have our feet on the ground and I suppose you can have a gamble and spend more, but that's not our way here at Braintree Town.



Alan Devonshire has left Braintree Town

"We look at the (playing) budget each year and it's not always easy.

"We did increase it last year after the sale of Dean Wells and that deal was worth a good amount to us.

"We've looked to maintain that same budget for next year and that's without the windfall of a player sale so we've had to source that money from elsewhere.

"So you could say that the money in the budget has gone up.

"We'd all like a pay increase but it's just not realistic for us at this time.

"Each time we have been promoted we have set targets to survive, consolidate, grow, challenge and compete and with that in mind, Alan has played a big role in helping us consolidate at this level.

"The next big thing for us is the stadium and we'll always need to have those facilities to generate the income streams to really compete at this level and move on into the Football League.

"We have made progress recently with the stadium and I'm hoping that there'll be good news in the summer in regards to that."

**WITHAM TOWN** are now preparing for life in Division One North, after their relegation from the Ryman Premier was confirmed.

Their 2-0 home defeat against Metropolitan Police confirmed Town's fate.

Boss Garry Kimble said: "This year has been about fine margins - if you don't take your chances you get punished and that's what has happened."



# Junior U's



## Good evening U's fans!

Welcome along to Colchester United for our last bit of football under the floodlights for the 2014/15 season!

This is our penultimate game of the season against Swindon Town, so let's do our bit and give it everything we have got!

Last time out we faced Scunthorpe United in a real end of season six pointer!

**"THIS IS OUR PENULTIMATE GAME OF THE SEASON AGAINST SWINDON TOWN, SO LET'S DO OUR BIT & GIVE IT EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE GOT"**

The game unsurprisingly started off with a very nervy feel to it, but the U's got into the game and just as we were beginning to have the better of the play we were hit by a Scunthorpe sucker punch and they took the lead mid-way through the first half and held that lead until half time.

The U's came out looking a little brighter in the second half and were creating opportunities and we were desperately seeking an equaliser...

We got that equaliser through Tom



## AWAY MASCOTS!



**Name:** Sam Allison  
**Age:** 7  
**From:** Woking  
**Hobbies:** Playing for Goldsworth Park Rangers U7s  
**Fav Player:** Andy Williams



**Name:** Ben Allison  
**Age:** 9  
**From:** Woking  
**Hobbies:** Playing for Goldsworth Park Rangers U10s  
**Fav Player:** Louis Thompson



**"WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG TO AGAIN BE UP ON OUR FEET CELEBRATING AS SOME QUICK THINKING FROM DAVID FOX RELEASED CHRIS PORTER WHO RIFLED THE BALL HOME TO COMPLETE THE TURNAROUND"**

Eastman after a cross was not cleared Tom was on hand to smash the ball into the top corner and get us right back in the game!

We didn't have to wait long to again be up on our feet celebrating as some quick thinking from David Fox released Chris Porter who expertly held off his defender and rifled the ball home to complete the turnaround.

It looked as though the U's had it in the bag but in the dying seconds a shot from the wing took a horrible deflection looping up and over Sam Walker to make the game 2-2 with only seconds left.

That was how it finished and the pain across fans and players faces was clear to see as we were so so close to what would have been a fantastic victory!

We go again this evening as we will right until the end so please show your support and cheer our boys on right until the final whistle.

**Up the U's!**

**Eddie**

**Prediction: U's 1-0 Swindon**



## NOT A JUNIOR U'S MEMBER YET?!

Junior U's is back for all U's fans aged eleven and under - and with a **HUGE** list of member benefits for just £5, Junior U's is the best membership club around!

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# SPOT THE BALL!

**Chris Porter is scoring the goal that put the U's 2-1 up here against Scunthorpe - where is it en route to goal?**



# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

**There are five things missing or different in the photo on the right - can you find all of them?**





# Junior U's



## NAME THE CRESTS

Which two football club crests are these?

We have taken the names away!



## WHO AM I?

Can you work out who this U's player is?

1. I went to the Gilbert School in Colchester
2. I have captained the U's side on a number of occasions
3. I won a play-off final at Wembley in a loan spell away

## OUT OF FOCUS

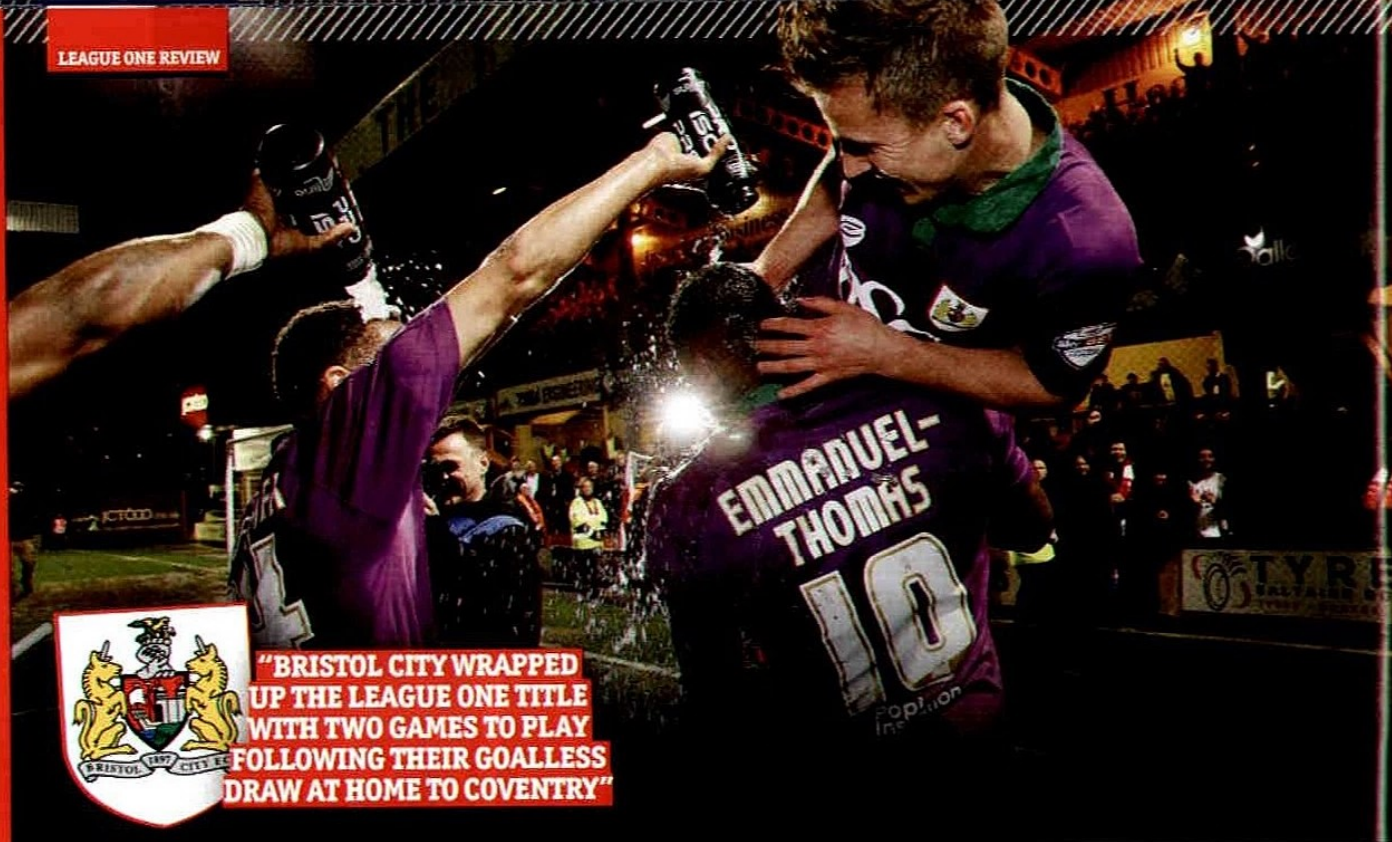
Which U's player is this?



**ANSWERS:**  
 Spot the Ball: B  
 Spot the Difference: See picture opposite  
 Name the Crests: Luton Town, Macclesfield Town  
 Who Am I? Alex Gilbey  
 Out of Focus: David Fox







**"BRISTOL CITY WRAPPED UP THE LEAGUE ONE TITLE WITH TWO GAMES TO PLAY FOLLOWING THEIR GOALLESS DRAW AT HOME TO COVENTRY"**



# LEAGUE ONE REVIEW

**Bristol City wrapped up the League One title with two games to play following their goalless draw at home to Coventry.**

John Fleck went closest for the visitors, whilst Luke Freeman was unable to convert his chance for the Robins. However a point was all Steve Cotterill's side needed to claim the championship.

Preston dropped points at Port Vale as they drew 2-2. Daniel Johnson gave the visitors the lead, but Michael O'Connor's penalty levelled the scores after the break.

Richard Duffy was then dismissed for the hosts, with Joe Garner netting his own penalty-kick. The Lilywhites were denied though, as O'Connor converted the third spot-kick five minutes from time.

MK Dons comprehensively defeated Leyton Orient 6-1. Dean Bowditch put the hosts ahead with a tap-in, before Rob Hall grabbed the first of his three goals.

Will Grigg extended the scoreline further from the penalty-spot and Hall

completed his hat-trick with a goal either side of half-time. Jay Simpson fired in a consolation for the O's, as Dele Alli finished the rout.

Swindon fell to a surprising 1-0 defeat at home to relegated Yeovil. James Berrett struck the only goal of the game with a low effort from the edge of the box.

Crawley overcame Notts County in a vital 2-0 win. Kelly Youga's fantastic overhead-kick in the 14th minute set the Reds on their way, with Darren Ward heading home their second just two minutes later.

Crewe and Walsall shared the spoils in a 1-1 draw. The Railwaymen went in front when Marcus Haber's header found the net, yet the visitors hit back late-on as Tom Bradshaw's shot spun into the goal after a big deflection.

Sheffield United and Bradford played out a 1-1 draw. Jason Holt opened the scoring for the Blades, but Billy Clarke equalised for the visitors in the 83rd minute with a smart finish. The Bantams finished the match with ten-men after

Rory McArdle was sent-off in stoppage-time.

Oldham and Chesterfield finished goalless. The hosts went close through Connor Brown, whilst the Spireites' Sam Clucas hit the post, with Armand Granduillet hitting the rebound over the bar.

Gillingham secured a 1-0 victory over Rochdale. Bradley Dack's 14th minute header proved to be the winner for the Gills, as the visitors saw goalkeeper Jamie Jones and Matty Lund sent-off within seven minutes of each other.

Barnsley and Peterborough drew 1-1. Conor Washington put Posh ahead in the first-half, before they were dealt a blow in protecting their lead as Kgosi Ntse was dismissed. The hosts made their extra-man count and they equalised in the 95th minute through Luke Berry's header.

Doncaster and Fleetwood took a point apiece in their 0-0 draw. David Ball was denied for the visitors, whilst Harry Forrester saw his shot saved for Donny late on.

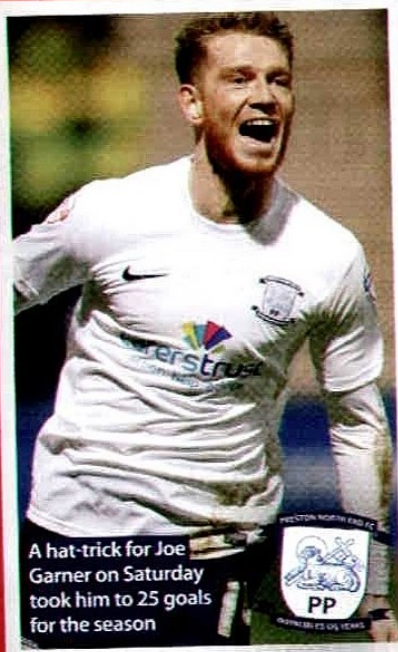


## CURRENT LEAGUE TABLE

	P	GD	PTS
C Bristol City	45	52	96
2 Preston	45	40	89
3 MK Dons	45	53	88
4 Swindon	44	19	77
5 Sheff Utd	45	13	70
6 Chesterfield	45	13	68
7 Rochdale	45	11	63
8 Bradford	45	-1	62
9 Peterborough	45	-3	62
10 Fleetwood	45	-4	60
11 Walsall	45	2	59
12 Gillingham	45	-3	59
13 Barnsley	45	-4	59
14 Doncaster	45	-7	58
15 Scunthorpe	45	-10	56
16 Oldham	45	-13	56
17 Port Vale	45	-9	54
18 Coventry	45	-12	52
19 Crewe	45	-31	52
20 Notts County	45	-16	50
21 Crawley	45	-25	50
22 Leyton Orient	45	-10	48
23 Colchester	44	-20	48
R Yeovil	45	-35	40

## TOP GOALSCORERS

Player	Club	Goals
1 Joe Garner	Preston	25
2 Ian Henderson	Rochdale	22
3 Andy Williams	Swindon	20
4 William Grigg	MK Dons	19
= Izale McLeod	Crawley	19
6 Aaron Wilbraham	Bristol City	18
7 Tom Bradshaw	Walsall	17
= Matt Done	Sheff Utd	17
9 Bamidele Alli	MK Dons	16
= Cody McDonald	Gillingham	16



A hat-trick for Joe Garner on Saturday took him to 25 goals for the season

# L1 PLAYER OF THE WEEK

## ROB HALL - MK DONS

**MK Dons winger Rob Hall scored an emphatic hat-trick in a stand-out performance during his side's 6-1 thrashing of Leyton Orient last weekend.**

The 21-year-old is currently on loan with the Dons from Championship side Bolton Wanderers, with his treble the first goals he has netted for the promotion-chasing club.

All of Hall's strikes came before the hour mark, as the hosts ran riot against their struggling opponents. He grabbed his first in the 25th minute when an apparent cross from the right fooled the O's defence and nestled its way into the far corner.

Hall's second was the pick of the bunch. After striker Will Grigg back-heeled the ball into the youngster's



path, he rocketed a volley from 25 yards out that flew into the net.

His hat-trick was complete early in the second-half following good work from Lewis Baker. Hall received the ball on the edge of the box and placed a curling effort beyond the visiting goalkeeper.

# GARNER & ALLI SCOOP LEAGUE ONE AWARDS

**Preston striker Joe Garner has won the League One Player of the Year award, with MK Dons midfielder Dele Alli named the Football League's Young Player of the Year.**

Garner was awarded the coveted prize after scoring 22 goals in 34 matches so far – an impressive record following a near three-month absence with a tendon injury over the Christmas period.

The 27-year-old also picked up the accolade for goal of the year as his sensational strike against Rotherham United in last season's play-off semi-final received the most votes from the general public.

Alli has been the stand-out youngster across all three divisions this term, scoring 16 goals for Karl Robinson's men. The 19-year-old signed for Premier League side Tottenham in the January transfer window, but was loaned straight back to the Dons for the remainder of the season.

Lilywhites forward Garner beat off competition from Alli and Bristol City midfielder Luke Freeman to take home the main award.







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**"I HAVE ENJOYED IT HERE & THE LADS ARE GOOD, IT'S JUST A PITY WE ARE IN THE LEAGUE POSITION THAT WE ARE - I KEEP TRYING TO IMPROVE SO I AM KNOCKING ON THE DOOR"**

**JIM FRENCH**

# JACK MARRIOTT

The U's U21s have not only been an environment for our own players to develop, but for young loanees from other clubs to spread their wings in a different setting.

Through the season, a number of the young lads brought in to play for the first team have also had the chance to turn out for the U21s in their Development League games.

Jack Marriott joined the U's from Ipswich earlier in the season and has been a regular in both the first team and U21s squads.

Jack was born at Beverley in Yorkshire, but the family moved to the Northamptonshire village of Brixworth when Jack was just three.

He recalls: "My first experience of football was with my local village team, Brixworth Juniors. It was a good start because we were not a bad side and got to two finals at Northampton Town's Sixfields Stadium a couple of years on the trot, in the age groups of 7 to 9.

"I started off in midfield and I always enjoyed scoring goals, which came quite naturally. As I grew up and started playing on full size pitches I moved further up the pitch and found myself playing up front."

Jack has always been a natural goalscorer, at such a rate that it was inevitable that he would get noticed by bigger clubs as he developed.

"I was playing in a tournament at Corby, for Brixworth, against a side called Corby Warriors. Their manager was also the manager of a semi-professional Under 13s/14s team, Rothwell

Town. I went on trial for them for a few days, after which they signed me.

"I stayed there from the end of my U13s season, throughout my U14s season."

By that stage Jack had attracted attention within the professional game, with both Ipswich Town and Derby County keen to get his signature and giving him trials.

"I favoured Ipswich, and signed when I was 15, for Sammy Morgan as Academy Manager and Gerard Nash as the U16s manager."

Jack has particular thanks for one-time U's player Trevor Whymark, who was coaching at Ipswich: "I learned a lot from Trevor Whymark, who had been a tremendous attacking player.

"Finding the back of the net always felt quite natural to me, and I made my first team debut for Ipswich at the age of 18, away at Burnley in the last game of the season two years ago. Last season I went out on loan to Woking Town and had a good spell there.

"It was followed by a loan at Gillingham, where I found first team opportunities hard to come by as they had so many strikers. I opted to go back to Woking, where I would be playing games and continuing to learn."

Throughout his young career, Jack has had total

support of his parents, and his gratitude to them is clear: "They have always been there for me," he says.

"I was recalled by Ipswich at the end of last season, and made another appearance for them in the Championship."

Jack was recruited on loan by the U's earlier this season, but has had less time on the pitch than he would have hoped: "I had some difficult loans earlier in the season, starting at Carlisle and playing the first three games, when the manager was dismissed. That was difficult for me. I spent some time back at Woking before coming to Colchester.

"I have had a handful of substitute appearances here, but my total time on the pitch is not great. Despite that I have enjoyed it and the lads are good. It's just a pity that we are in the League position that we are.

"I try to keep myself busy, trying to improve and be on top of my game, so that I am knocking at the door, hoping for a chance to play. It is difficult to bring me into the team in the position the team finds itself.

"We will see what happens next season. Ipswich have an option on me but I am just focused on what happens here between now and the end of the season. I will worry about next season at the end of this one and in the summer."



A photograph of three men standing on a beach. They are wearing swim caps and goggles. The man in the foreground is wearing red swim trunks with 'SUN PROJECT' written on the side. He is smiling and looking towards the other two men. The background shows the ocean and a cloudy sky.

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# U vs. THE U'S!

Fancy yourself as a bit of an egghead? Want to test yourself against the U's stars? Get in touch with us if you'd like your chance to tackle the quiz that @ThomDenson has put together for fans vs players!

**FRANKIE KENT**  
THE PLAYERS



**NIGEL UTTING**  
THE FANS



- Prior to Andy Murray, who was the last British tennis player to win the Wimbledon Men's Singles Final?** ✓  
I know this one, Fred Perry
- The town of Swindon lies in which county?** ✗  
Not a clue, Worcestershire
- On a regular clockface which number lies opposite 2?** ✓  
8
- In motoring, what does SUV stand for?** ✓  
Sports Utility Vehicle I guess, that is what the U stands for isn't it. (Yes, Frankie it is)
- Which British football manager once said 'I wouldn't say I was the best manager in the business. But I was in the top one'?** ✓  
Brian Clough
- Otology is the study of which part of the body?** ✗  
The brain
- Midfielder Tom Lapslie last week signed a new contract with the club but which team (besides Col U) does he consider himself a fan of?** ✓  
Liverpool
- What is the name of the twin sister of the Disney character Donald Duck?** ✗  
The only other one I can think of is Daffy.
- Last week in the Champions League, by how many goals did Bayern Munich beat Porto?** ✓  
5
- How many properties are on a standard Monopoly board?** ✗  
Total guess - 34

- ✓ **Prior to Andy Murray, who was the last British tennis player to win the Wimbledon Men's Singles Final?**  
Fred Perry
- ✓ **The town of Swindon lies in which county?**  
Wiltshire
- ✓ **On a regular clockface which number lies opposite 2?**  
8
- ✗ **In motoring, what does SUV stand for?**  
Special Utility Vehicle
- ✓ **Which British football manager once said 'I wouldn't say I was the best manager in the business. But I was in the top one'?**  
Brian Clough
- ✓ **Otology is the study of which part of the body?**  
Ears
- ✗ **Midfielder Tom Lapslie last week signed a new contract with the club but which team (besides Col U) does he consider himself a fan of?**  
Arsenal
- ✗ **What is the name of the twin sister of the Disney character Donald Duck?**  
Daisy.
- ✓ **Last week in the Champions League, by how many goals did Bayern Munich beat Porto?**  
5
- ✓ **How many properties are on a standard Monopoly board?**  
28

PLAYERS' TOTAL:  
**106**

**6/10**

**7/10**

FANS' TOTAL:  
**110**

**TOP FIVE LEADERBOARD**



**9**  
DAN WOODROW



**9**  
CHRIS PORTER



**8**  
MATT SCHOFIELD



**8**  
SEAN MULLINS



**8**  
SEAN CLOHESSY

Answers: 1. Fred Perry 2. Wiltshire 3. 8 4. Sport Utility Vehicle 5. Brian Clough 6. Ear 7. Liverpool 8. Daisy 9. 5 10. 28



# LAITTY'S U'S STATS



**Graeson Laitt** is back again and on hand to give us all of the U's stats and facts throughout the season - if you've got a question for Laitty, send it in to [media@colchesterunited.net!](mailto:media@colchesterunited.net)

## PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

This is the seventy-sixth meeting between the clubs, and the seventy-second in the Football League since our first meeting back in United's first season in 1950. Indeed, Arthur Turner scored the club's first ever Football League goal in that match at The County Ground. It came after twenty-four minutes of their second game of the season when Arthur Turner fired past Sam Burton after being put through by Bob Curry.

This is Swindon's sixth visit to the Weston Homes Community Stadium and they'll be looking to make it a fourth successive victory here. Last season they recorded a 2-1 win with Nicky Ajose and Dany N'Guessan on the score sheet with Magnus Okuonghae pulling one back a dozen minutes from time.

That followed two single goal victories, the first of which was under the managerial reigns of the enigmatic Italian Paulo Di Canio in the FA Cup.

## THE HISTORY GAME:

United's first ever home Football League goal was also scored against Swindon Town - it was not unusual for teams to play each other within days back then in the 1950s. After the club's first home match had ended in a goalless draw with Bristol Rovers, the U's took The Robins apart and were four goals to the good by halftime thanks to three in an eight minute spell. Town won the second half 1-0 thanks to a goal from 15-stone forward Garth Hudson!

Arthur Wood reported: "Curry increased the United lead after 37 minutes with a beautifully placed shot, after Burton had run out of his goal to near the corner of the 18-yard line. Just previously the goalkeeper had only managed to deflect a good shot by McKim. After 40 minutes Turner headed home a cross from Bearryman after another astonishing exhibition by the Swindon keeper, who again left his goal without having an idea of how to get the ball. Just on the interval, Turner put Church through to net another goal - the third in eight minutes."





13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26

## ON THIS #COLU DAY

### 1910:

A full strength Arsenal team plays a friendly to mark the opening of the new stand at Layer Road, winning 3-2 against Colchester Town in front of around 1,000 supporters.

### 1955:

Reg Stewart made his 200th Football League appearance for the club in a 2-2 home draw against Gillingham – the team he also made his first Football League appearance against for the club.

### 1992:

The U's beat Kettering Town 3-1 at Layer Road in the GM Vauxhall Conference meaning that – unless there are any fluke results – the club can claim the title with a win on Saturday against Barrow.



### 2007:

Colchester's hopes of reaching the Championship Play-offs are dashed at The Britannia Stadium.

Stoke keeper Steve Simonsen is in superb form and stops all but a Chris Iwelumo penalty as United take a half-time lead.

However, second half goals from Russell, Sidibe and Higginbotham end the club's improbable dream of a place in the Premier Division. Chris Barker is also sent off for the visitors.



## TON UP FOR CHRIS

Chris Porter's goal against Scunthorpe United brought up a century of goals in League football.

Twenty-three of those were scored in Scottish football during his time with Motherwell.

## TOM'S LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Assuming he played at Fleetwood on Saturday afternoon, Tom Eastman made his 150th Football League appearance – ten of those were with Ipswich, and six with Crawley, the rest with the U's.



## IN FORM

The U's are finishing the season in perhaps their best form of the campaign.

The weekend win over Fleetwood made it 14 points from their last eight games, with four wins and a draw in that time.

Two more wins would see the U's home safely!

## RACE FOR TOP SPOT

Freddie Sears' 14 goals means he is likely to top the pile of the U's goalscorers this season, but of those still at the club, the race is on.

George Moncur, Gavin Massey and Chris Porter all scored at the weekend, to move onto 8, 8 and 7 respectively. Who'll come out on top?



## DOUBLE UP

The weekend win over Fleetwood saw us complete our third double of the season (2-1 at home, 3-2 away), following similar pairs of wins against Leyton Orient (both 2-0) and Yeovil (1-0 away, 2-0 at home)





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**03. BEN GORDON**

Home: RP Installations

Away: Available



**04. MAGNUS OKUONGHAE**

Home: Snoopies Dog & Cat Grooming  
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www.snoopies.ws

Away: Available



**06. BONGANI KHUMALO**

Home: Available

Away: Available



**07. SANCHEZ WATT**

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**08. ALEX GILBEY**

Home: CHAPS

Away: DMC Consultancy



**11. JACK MARRIOTT**

Home: Available

Away: Available



**12. CHRIS LEWINGTON**

Home: David K Edwards

Away: Available



**14. TOSIN OLUFEMI**

Home: Available

Away: Available



**15. MATTHEW BRIGGS**

Home: Available

Away: Available



**17. DREY WRIGHT**

Home: Available

Away: Available



**18. TOM EASTMAN**

Home: Jameson's Accountants



Away: Available



**19. RHYS HEALEY**

Home: Available

Away: Available



**20. SEAN CLOHESSY**

Home: Available

Away: Available



**21. GAVIN MASSEY**

Home: Julie Miller

Away: Available



**23. KANE VINCENT-YOUNG**

Home: Available

Away: Available



**24. GEORGE MONCUR**

Home: Euroline Sales & Marketing

Away: Louis Pearce



**25. JACOB MURPHY**

Home: Available

Away: Available



**26. FRANKIE KENT**

Home: Creejay Couriers and  
Peter & Janet Meacock

Away: Available



**27. MACAULEY BONNE**

Home: P Hardy

Away: Tiptree Jobserve Bowls Club



**28. SAMMIE SZMODICS**

Home: CLUSA

Away: Whites Farm Baby Barn  
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**31. RICHARD BRINDLEY**

Home: Available

Away: Available



**32. TOM LAPSLIE**

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Away: Available



**35. MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE**

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Away: Available



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**38. DAVID FOX**

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**42. CHRIS PORTER**

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**TONY HUMES**

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**RICHARD HALL**

Home and Away: **karlson**  
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# THE CUSA

**"THIS REALLY IS THE KNUCKLE END OF THE SEASON FOR THE U'S - I CAN'T SAY IT WILL BE EASY BUT I KNOW WE HAVE SOME FANTASTIC PLAYERS BACKED BY SOME EQUALLY FANTASTIC FANS"**

## **Good evening U's fans and welcome along to the Weston Homes Community Stadium once again.**

Tonight we play host to Swindon Town and I hope that their supporters had a safe and sound journey around the M25 to make it here for the game. Congratulations on your play off position and good luck with where that takes you.

For the U's we are unfortunately at the other end of that spectrum and will be gunning for nothing less than a victory tonight. Two games to go, with Preston to come, this really is the knuckle end of the season for the U's and we all hope to finish on a massive high with two important wins.

I can't say it will be easy but I do know that we have some fantastic players at this football club backed by some equally fantastic supporters who I am truly hoping will focus all their passion and emotion in backing our boys in blue and white from the first to last whistle.

I am hoping that these same supporters enjoyed their day out or weekend away in the North West for the game with Fleetwood at the weekend.

It was a new ground for many of us and one to chalk off the list - it was another excellent result as well to keep our hopes alive and I hope you all got back safely!

This also includes U's Chairman Robbie Cowling, Stuart Begg, Aide House and our very own CUSA member Sam Wolton who took to pedal power last Wednesday heading to Fleetwood in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust and Tom Bowdidge Foundation. Well done guys, top work once again.

With our members in mind I would like to thank Trevor Bailey, Kevan Fisher and Graham Sargeant who attended the shirt sponsors event at Florence Park on our behalf recently and thoroughly enjoyed their time, especially meeting the players and our very own sponsored star in the form of Sammie Szmodics.

Again on the same subject, the 2015 CUSA AGM is set for Monday 29th June 7.30pm at the WHCS where the officers and committee will be elected for the next two years. Please take time to consider if you would like to get involved with the CUSA, have a chat with us now if you like, and please bear in mind that all nominations and resolutions on matters of CUSA policy need to be with Secretary Roger Westlake, 9 Twining Road, Colchester CO3 9XG by 8th June.

Finally, another thank you for your support tonight and a reminder that our final game is next Sunday with a 12.15pm kick off. A really handy time of the day for fans, especially those travelling from Preston, but as you all know, the people that pull the strings do like to enjoy themselves!

The very best of luck tonight Colchester United. May the Force be with you!

**Jon**  
**CUSA Chairman**





# FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENTS	COMP	RES	ATT	VIS	POS	Sam Walker	David Wright	Alex Wynter	Ben Gordon	Magnus Okuonghae	Josh Thompson	Karlleigh Osborne	Craig Eastmond	Bongani Khumalo	Sanchez Watt	Alex Gilbey	Iabo Ibehre	Dan Holman	Freddie Sears	Jack Marriott	Chris Lewington	Kaspars Gorkss	Marcus Gorkss	Ben Bean	Matthew Briggs	
<b>AUGUST</b>																											
Sat 9	Oldham Athletic	H	FL1	2-2	4,023	632	10	GK			LB	CB	U	CM			CM	FW	SUB	FW		U			U		
Tue 12	Charlton Athletic	A	CAP1	0-4	5,752	472	-	U			LB	CB	U				CM	FW	SUB	FW		GK			SUB		
Sat 16	Bristol City	A	FL1	1-2	11,626	218	17	GK			LB						CM	FW	SUB	LW		U			CM		
Tue 19	Notts County	A	FL1	1-2	3,792	115	22	GK			LB	CB		SUB			CM	FW	U	LW		U			CM		
Sat 23	Doncaster Rovers	H	FL1	0-1	3,162	419	22	GK			LB	CB		SUB			DM	FW	SUB	FW		U			CM		
Sat 30	Peterborough United	H	FL1	1-3	4,014	964	23	GK	U		LB	CB				SUB	CM	FW	SUB	LW		U			U		
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																											
Sat 6	Walsall	A	FL1	0-0	4,009	147	23	GK	SUB		LB	CB		U		LW	CM				FW		U				
Sat 13	Leyton Orient	A	FL1	2-0	5,313	711	21	GK	U		LB	CB		SUB		LW	CM				FW		U				
Tue 16	Sheffield United	H	FL1	2-3	3,084	505	22	GK	U		LB			U		LW	CM		U		FW		U				
Sat 20	Bradford City	H	FL1	0-0	3,524	490	23	GK	U		LB			CM		LW	CM				FW		U		U		
Sat 27	Crewe Alexandra	A	FL1	3-0	3,909	177	20	GK	SUB		LB			CM		LW	CM				FW		U				
<b>OCTOBER</b>																											
Sat 4	Preston North End	A	FL1	2-4	8,478	133	21	GK	U		LB			U		LW	CM				FW		U				
Tue 7	Gillingham	H	JPT2	3-3*	1,401	231	-	GK	SUB		U			CM		FW					SUB		U				
Sat 11	Fleetwood Town	H	FL1	2-1	3,383	101	17	GK			U			U		LW	CM				FW		U				
Sat 18	Scunthorpe United	A	FL1	1-1	3,303	230	16	GK			U	U		U		LW	CM				FW		U				
Tue 21	Chesterfield	H	FL1	2-1	2,718	252	14	GK			U	SUB		U		LW	CM				FW		U				
Sat 25	Swindon Town	A	H1	2-2	7,871	246	14	GK			U	CB		U		SUB	CM				FW		U				
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																											
Sat 1	Port Vale	H	FL1	1-2	3,571	182	18	GK			U			U		LW					FW		U				
Sun 9	Gosport Borough	A	FAC1	6-3	2,013	-	-	GK			LB	CB		SUB		LW	CM				FW		U				
Fri 14	Barnsley	A	FL1	2-3	9,191	211	18	GK			U			U		LW	CM				FW		U				
Sat 22	Coventry City	H	FL1	0-1	4,433	503	21	GK			CB			U		LW	CM				FW		U				
Sat 29	Milton Keynes Dons	A	FL1	0-6	7,446	306	22	GK						SUB		LW	CM				FW		U				
<b>DECEMBER</b>																											
Sun 7	Peterborough United	H	FAC2	1-0	2,905	404	-	GK						CM		LW					FW		U		CB		
Sat 13	Rochdale	H	FL1	1-4	2,920	183	23	GK						CM		LW					FW		U		CB		
Sat 20	Yeovil Town	A	FL1	1-0	6,837	120	21	GK			LB			CM							FW		U		CB		
Fri 26	Gillingham	H	FL1	1-2	4,544	680	23	GK			LB			CM		SUB					FW		U		CB		
Sun 28	Crawley Town	A	FL1	0-0	2,046	195	23	GK			LB			U		SUB					FW		U		CB		
<b>JANUARY 2015</b>																											
Fri 2	Cardiff City	A	FAC3	1-3	4,194	325	-	GK						U		SUB					FW		U		CB		
Sat 10	Peterborough United	A	FL1	2-0	5,524	267	22	GK			LB					LW					FW		U		CB		
Sat 17	Walsall	H	FL1	0-2	2,980	217	22	GK			LB	U				LW	U					U		U	CB		
Sat 24	Leyton Orient	H	FL1	2-0	5,668	1,777	21	GK			SUB					U						U	U	CB	LB		
Sat 31	Bradford City	A	FL1	1-1	13,917	180	21	GK			CB	LW				U					SUB	U			LB		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>																											
Sat 7	Crewe Alexandra	H	FL1	2-3	3,134	201	21	GK			CB	U				LW					SUB	U			LB		
Tue 10	Sheffield United	A	H1	1-4	17,162	148	21	GK			CB	LW				U						U	U		LB		
Sat 14	Oldham Athletic	A	FL1	1-0	5,668	74	21	GK			CB	U									SUB	U			LB		
Tue 17	Milton Keynes Dons	H	FL1	0-1	2,974	248	21	GK			CB						SUB					U	U		LB		
Sat 21	Bristol City	H	FL1	3-2	4,300	732	20	GK			CB	U					CM				SUB	U			LB		
Sat 28	Doncaster Rovers	A	FL1	0-2	6,330	220	22	GK			LB	SUB		CB			CM					U	U				
<b>MARCH</b>																											
Tue 3	Notts County	H	FL1	0-1	2,505	159	22	GK			RB			CB			DM				SUB	U			LB		
Sat 7	Rochdale	A	FL1	1-2	2,625	137	22	GK			RB			CB			CM					U	U			LB	
Sat 14	Crawley Town	H	FL1	2-3	3,592	294	23	GK			SUB			CB			CM						U			LB	
Tue 17	Yeovil Town	H	FL1	2-0	2,336	113	23	GK			U				CB		CM					U				LB	
Sat 21	Gillingham	A	FL1	2-2	5,319	344	23	GK			RB				CB		CM					U	U			LB	
<b>APRIL</b>																											
Fri 3	Port Vale	A	FL1	2-1	4,471	173	23	GK			LB			U		CB		CM					U				
Mon 6	Barnsley	H	FL1	3-1	5,157	699	23	GK			LB					CB		SUB					U				
Sat 11	Coventry City	A	FL1	0-1	8,933	504	23	GK			LB					CB		CM					U			SUB	
Tue 14	Chesterfield	A	FL1	0-6	6,508	158	23	GK			RB					CB		CM				GK				LB	
Sat 18	Scunthorpe United	H	FL1	2-2	4,551	283	23	GK			U					CB		CM					U			LB	
Sat 25	Fleetwood Town	A	FL1	3-2	3,129	313	23	GK			U					CB		CM					U			LB	
Tue 28	Swindon Town	H	FL1	19:45																							
<b>MAY</b>																											
Sun 3	Preston North End	H	FL1	12:15																							

\*Not 2-4 on penalties







## MATCH OFFICIALS



Referee:  
Mr K Johnson  
(Somerset)



Assistants:  
Mr M George  
Mr C Hicks



Fourth Official:  
Mr D Blunden

## LEAGUE ONE FIXTURES

## Sunday 3rd May

Barnsley v Rochdale  
Bristol City v Walsall  
Colchester v Preston  
Crawley v Coventry  
Crewe v Bradford  
Doncaster v Scunthorpe  
Gillingham v Notts County  
MK Dons v Yeovil  
Oldham v Peterborough  
Port Vale v Fleetwood  
Sheff Utd v Chesterfield  
Swindon v Leyton Orient

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## Preston North End

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## COLCHESTER UNITED

Manager: Tony Humes

Sam Walker	01	+	○
Alex Wynter	02	+	○
Ben Gordon	03	+	○
Magnus Okuonghae	04	●	○
Bongani Khumalo	06	●	○
Sanchez Watt	07	+	○
Alex Gilbey	08	+	○
Jabo Ibehre	09	+	○
Dan Holman	10	+	○
Jack Marriott	11	+	○
Chris Lewington	12	+	○
Tosin Olufemi	14	+	○
Matthew Briggs	15	+	○
Byron Lawrence	16	+	○
Drey Wright	17	+	○
Tom Eastman	18	+	○
Rhys Healey	19	●	○
Sean Clohessy	20	+	○
Gavin Massey	21	+	○
Kevin Lokko	22	+	○
Kane Vincent-Young	23	+	○
George Moncur	24	+	○
Jacob Murphy	25	+	○
Frankie Kent	26	+	○
Macauley Bonne	27	●	○
Sammie Szmodics	28	+	○
Richard Brindley	31	+	○
Tom Lapslie	32	+	○
Michael O'Donoghue	35	●	○
Dominic Smith	36	+	○
Dion Sembie-Ferris	37	+	○
David Fox	38	+	○
Jamie Harney	40	+	○
Chris Porter	42	+	○



## SWINDON TOWN

Manager: Mark Cooper

○	+	01	Wes Foderingham
○	+	02	Nathan Thompson
○	+	03	Nathan Byrne
○	●	04	Massimo Luongo
○	+	05	Jack Stephens
○	+	06	Jordan Turnbull
○	+	07	Ben Gladwin
○	●	08	Yaser Kasim
○	+	09	Michael Smith
○	+	10	Andy Williams
○	+	14	John Swift
○	+	15	Harry Toffolo
○	+	16	Connor Waldon
○	+	18	George Barker
○	●	19	Louis Thompson
○	+	20	Jonathan Obika
○	+	21	Matty Jones
○	+	22	Darren Ward
○	+	23	Jack Barthram
○	+	24	Jermaine Hylton
○	+	25	Tyrell Belford
○	●	26	Anton Rodgers
○	+	27	Josue Antonio
○	+	28	Tom Smith
○	●	29	Raphael Rossi Branco
○	+	30	Harry Agombar
○	+	31	Will Randall
○	+	32	Lee Marshall
○	+	33	Tom Holland
○	+	34	Tom Ouldrige
○	+	35	Connor Johns
○	●	36	Sam Ricketts
○	+	37	Cameron Belford





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